



THE SILVER AGE
BATMAN
**WORLD'S
FINEST**
SUPERMAN
VOLUME ONE





THE SILVER AGE
BATMAN
**WORLD'S
FINEST**
SUPERMAN
VOLUME ONE

JACK SCHIFF Editor - Original Series JEB WOODARD Group Editor - Collected Editions
STEVE COOK Design Director - Books DAMIAN RYLAND Publication Design

BOB HARRAS Senior VP - Editor-in-Chief, DC Comics

President DIANE NELSON
Publisher DAN DIDIO
Publisher JIM LEE

President & Chief Creative Officer GEOFF JOHNS
Executive VP - Business & Marketing Strategy, Direct
to Consumer & Global Franchise Management AMIT DESAI
Senior VP - Direct to Consumer SAM ADES

VP - Talent Development BOBBIE CHASE
Senior VP - Art, Design & Collected Editions MARK CHIARELLO
Senior VP - Sales & Trade Marketing JOHN CUNNINGHAM
Senior VP - Business Strategy, Finance & Administration ANNE DAPIES
VP - Manufacturing Operations DON FALLETTI

LAWRENCE GANEM VP - Editorial Administration & Talent Relations
ALISON GILL Senior VP - Manufacturing & Operations
HANK KANALZ Senior VP - Editorial Strategy & Administration

JAY KOGAN VP - Legal Affairs
THOMAS LOFTUS VP - Business Affairs
JACK MAHAN VP - Business Affairs

NICK J. NAPOLITANO VP - Manufacturing Administration
EDDIE SCANNELL VP - Consumer Marketing

COURTNEY SIMMONS Senior VP - Publicity & Communications
JIM (SKI) SOKOLOWSKI VP - Comic Book Specialty Sales & Trade Marketing
NANCY SPEARS VP - Mass, Book, Digital Sales & Trade Marketing

BATMAN & SUPERMAN IN WORLD'S FINEST COMICS: THE SILVER AGE VOLUME 1

Published by DC Comics. Compilation, cover and all new material Copyright © 2017 DC Comics. All Rights Reserved.

Originally published in single magazine form in SUPERMAN 76, WORLD'S FINEST COMICS 71-94. Copyright © 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958 DC Comics. All Rights Reserved. All characters, their distinctive likenesses and related elements featured in this publication are trademarks of DC Comics. The stories, characters and incidents featured in this publication are entirely fictional. DC Comics does not read or accept unsolicited submissions of ideas, stories or artwork.

DC Comics, 2900 West Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91505

EDMOND HAMILTON
BILL FINGER
ALVIN SCHWARTZ
WRITERS

CURT SWAN
DICK SPRANG
PENCILLERS

STAN KAYE
JOHN FISCHETTI
CHARLES PARIS
RAY BURNLEY
INKERS

MICHAEL CHO
COLLECTION COVER ARTIST

BATMAN created by **BOB KANE** with **BILL FINGER**.
SUPERMAN created by **JERRY SIEGEL** and **JOE SHUSTER**.
By special arrangement with the **JERRY SIEGEL** family.

SUPERMAN #76 May/June 1952
"The Mightiest Team in the World"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: John Fischetti

6

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #77 July/August 1955
"The Super Bat-man!"
Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: Stan Kaye

95

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #71 July/August 1954
"Batman—Double for Superman"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Alvin Schwartz
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: Stan Kaye

19

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #78 September/October 1955
"When Superman's Identity Is Exposed"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Charles Paris

108

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #72 September/October 1954
"Fort Crime"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Alvin Schwartz
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: Charles Paris

32

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #79 November/December 1955
"The Three Magicians of Baghdad"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye

121

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #73 November/December 1954
"Batman and Superman, Swamis, Inc."
Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: Stan Kaye

45

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #80 January/February 1956
"The Super-Newspaper of Gotham City"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Charles Paris

134

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #74 January/February 1955
"The Contest of Heroes"
Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Bill Finger
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: Stan Kaye

58

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #81 March/April 1956
"The True History of Superman and Batman"
Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye

147

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #75 March/April 1955
"Superman and Robin"
Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Bill Finger
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: Stan Kaye

69

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #82 May/June 1956
"The Three Super-Musketeers"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye

160

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #76 May/June 1955
"When Gotham City Challenged Metropolis"
Cover art by Win Mortimer
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Curt Swan
Inker: Stan Kaye

82

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #83 July/August 1956
"The Case of the Mother Goose Mystery"
Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Bill Finger
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye

173

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #84 September/October 1956
"The Super Mystery of Metropolis"

Cover art by Dick Sprang and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
(Splash page by Curt Swan)
186

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #90 September/October 1957
"The Super-Batwoman"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Ray Burnley
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
264

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #85 November/December 1956
"The Super-Rivals"

Cover art by Dick Sprang and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
(Splash page by Curt Swan)
199

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #91 November/December 1957
"The Three Super-Sleepers"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
277

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #86 January/February 1957
"The Super-Show of Gotham City"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
212

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #92 January/February 1958
"The Boy from Outer Space"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
290

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #87 March/April 1957
"The Reversed Heroes"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Bill Finger
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Ray Burnley
225

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #93 March/April 1958
"The Boss of Batman and Superman"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Unknown
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
303

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #88 May/June 1957
"Superman and Batman's Greatest Foes"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
238

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #94 May/June 1958
"Origin of the Superman-Batman Team"

Cover art by Curt Swan, Stan Kaye and Sheldon Moldoff
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
316

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS #89 July/August 1957
"The Club of Heroes"

Cover art by Curt Swan and Stan Kaye
Writer: Edmond Hamilton
Penciller: Dick Sprang
Inker: Stan Kaye
251



NO.76

52 BIG PAGES!



SUPERMAN

SUPERMAN

DOUBLE-FEATURE!BATMAN, THE WORLD'S GREATEST
DETECTIVE, JOINING FORCES WITH
THE MAN OF STEEL TO BECOME...*"The* **MIGHTIEST
TEAM ON EARTH!**

LOIS IN DANGER!
THIS IS A JOB FOR
SUPERMAN!

NO, THIS IS
A JOB FOR
BATMAN!

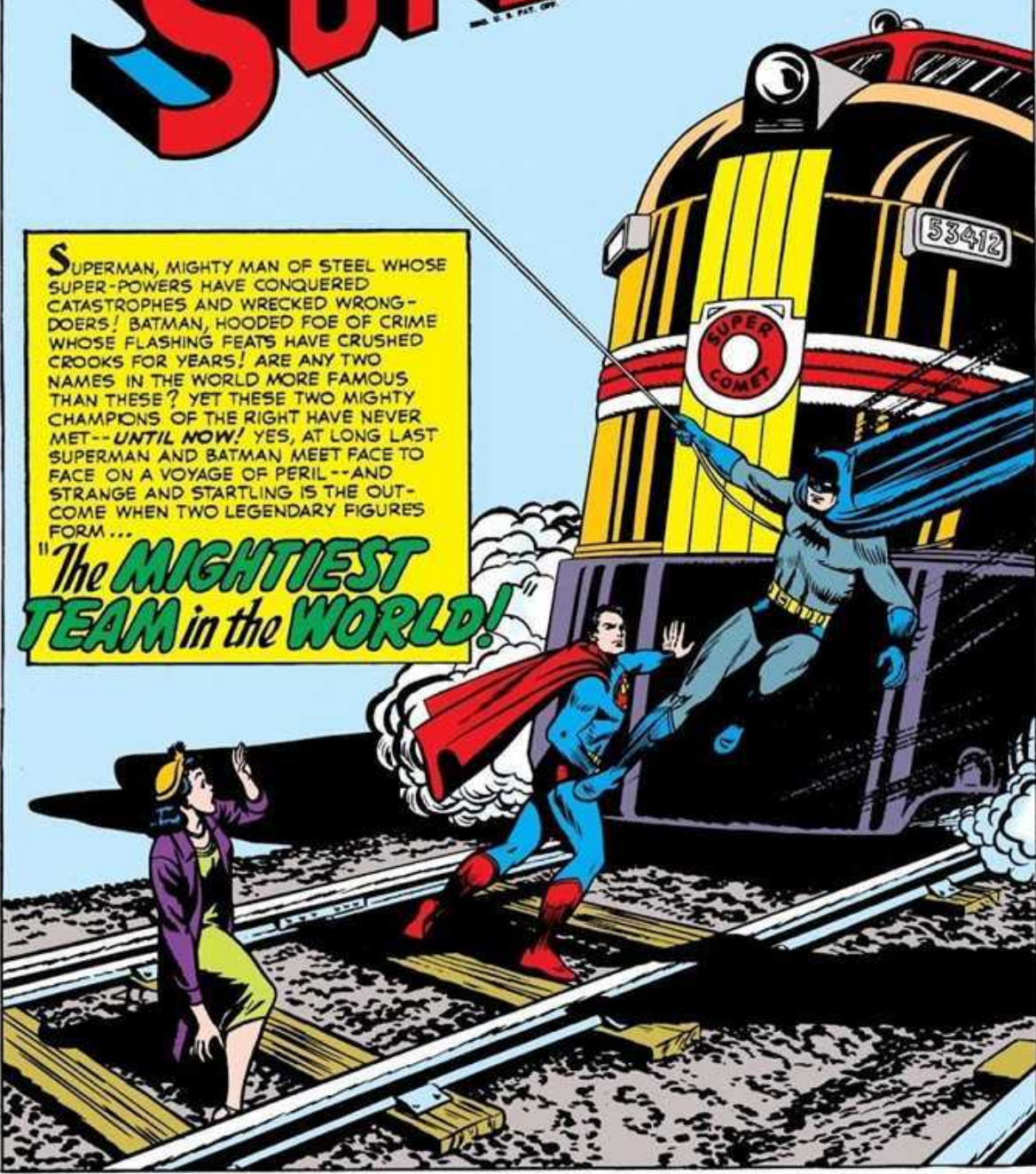


SUPERMAN

REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

SUPERMAN, MIGHTY MAN OF STEEL WHOSE SUPER-POWERS HAVE CONQUERED CATASTROPHES AND WRECKED WRONG-DOERS! BATMAN, HOODED FOE OF CRIME WHOSE FLASHING FEATS HAVE CRUSHED CROOKS FOR YEARS! ARE ANY TWO NAMES IN THE WORLD MORE FAMOUS THAN THESE? YET THESE TWO MIGHTY CHAMPIONS OF THE RIGHT HAVE NEVER MET--UNTIL NOW! YES, AT LONG LAST SUPERMAN AND BATMAN MEET FACE TO FACE ON A VOYAGE OF PERIL--AND STRANGE AND STARTLING IS THE OUT-COME WHEN TWO LEGENDARY FIGURES FORM...

"The MIGHTIEST TEAM in the WORLD!"



A GREAT ADVENTURE CAN HAVE MANY BEGINNINGS--AND THIS ONE BEGINS IN GOTHAM CITY, WHEN THE FAMED **BATMAN AND ROBIN** CORNER A WANTED BANDIT-KILLER...



AND THE HAMMERING FISTS OF **BATMAN** SOON END ANOTHER CRIMINAL'S CAREER!



BUT ANOTHER BEGINNING OF THIS STRANGE ADVENTURE TAKES PLACE IN METROPOLIS, WHERE THAT CITY'S MOST FAMOUS CITIZEN COMPLETES A TASK...

"HOME" IS THE MANSION OF WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE --FOR BRUCE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, ARE SECRETLY **BATMAN AND ROBIN**!



YES, IT IS THE **MAN OF STEEL**, WHOSE AWESOME SUPER-POWERS HAVE RUNG AROUND THE WORLD! BUT HE IS ALSO SOMEONE ELSE...



FOR JUST AS PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE IS SECRETLY **BATMAN**, SO MIGHTY **SUPERMAN** HIDES HIS IDENTITY BENEATH THE GUISE OF MILD-MANNERED REPORTER CLARK KENT!



THUS, FATE WEAVES A STRANGE PATTERN TO DRAW THE TWO MOST FAMOUS CHAMPIONS IN THE WORLD INTO AN UNPRECEDENTED ADVENTURE! FOR NEXT EVENING...

...AS PASSENGERS BOARD THE CRUISE-SHIP
VARANIA...

ISN'T IT DIVINE?
I'LL WAIT ON DECK
WHILE YOU SEE THE
PURSER, CLARK!

ALL RIGHT,
LOIS!

LOOKS LIKE A
FULL PASSENGER
LIST! THANK
GOODNESS I HAVE
A CABIN TO
MYSELF!

BUT SECONDS LATER, A DISMAYING SURPRISE...

I'M SORRY, MR. KENT, BUT
THE SHIP'S SO CROWDED,
I'VE PUT YOU IN WITH
ANOTHER PASSENGER--
A MR. BRUCE WAYNE!

BUT--
BUT--

GOSH, I CAN'T
MAKE TOO
BIG A FUSS...
LOIS WOULD SURELY
GET SUSPICIOUS!

PURSER
HONOLON

AND SO THE QUIRKS OF FATE LEAD TO THE
MOST PORTENTOUS MEETING OF THE CENTURY!

I'M SURE YOU
GENTLEMEN
WILL GET
ALONG
SPLENDIDLY!

ER--YES!

BUT WHAT
IF HE SHOULD
FIND OUT I'M
SUPERMAN?

UH--CERTAINLY!

WHAT IF HE
DISCOVERS
I'M
BATMAN?

AT THAT MOMENT, OUT ON THE DOCK...

LOOK -- THAT MAN! HE'S
FIRED **INCENDIARY
BULLETS** AT THAT
TANK TRUCK!

IT'S
CATCHING
FIRE!

CUSTOMS
OFFICE
←

JUST AS I PLANNED!
THIS ASBESTOS SUIT
PROTECTS ME FROM
THE FLAMES WHILE I
SNATCH THAT DIAMOND
SHIPMENT!

WHAT A SCOOP!
IF I CAN ONLY
GET A CLOSER
LOOK!

AND ONCE AGAIN, LOIS LANE'S DARING LEADS
HER INTO DANGER...

STOP HIM!
HE'S GOT THE
FABIAN
DIAMONDS!

NO ONE CAN
COME AFTER
ME THROUGH
THE FLAMES!

HELP! THE FIRE
HAS CIRCLED
AROUND--I'M
TRAPPED!

MEANWHILE, THE UPROAR OUTSIDE SUMMONS TO ACTION TWO CHAMPIONS, EACH UNKNOWN TO THE OTHER...

TROUBLE OUTSIDE! I MUST SWITCH TO **BATMAN** WITHOUT THIS KENT CHAP SEEING ME!

ER--MIND IF I SWITCH OFF THE LIGHT AND TURN IN?

NO--ER--I'M TIRED, TOO!

IN THE DARK, I CAN BECOME **SUPERMAN** WITHOUT HIM SEEING!

AND AS THE LIGHT IS SNAPPED OFF...

WAYNE CAN'T SEE ME CHANGE NOW-- I'VE GOT TO GET OUT THERE FAST!

HE MUSTN'T SUSPECT-- I HAVE TO BE QUICK AND QUIET!

BUT SUDDENLY, AS RISING FLAMES POUR LIGHT THROUGH THE PORTHOLE...

WHY--WHY, YOU'RE **SUPERMAN**!

AND YOU, BRUCE WAYNE... YOU'RE **BATMAN**!

NO TIME TO TALK THIS OVER NOW, **SUPERMAN**! THE FIRE OUT THERE WILL BLOW UP THAT TANK-TRUCK!

RIGHT... WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS LATER!

MOMENTS LATER...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE TANK-TRUCK... YOU GET LOIS OUT OF THAT TRAP!

THAT GIRL DOWN THERE? I'LL GET HER!

AND SO THE TWO FAMOUS FIGURES
HURTLE INTO ACTION TOGETHER!



I CAN HANDLE
THIS BURNING
TRUCK MORE
SAFELY UP
IN THE SKY!

I'LL HAVE
TO SWING FAST
TO REACH HER
THROUGH THOSE
FLAMES!

WHILE DOWN BELOW, THE HOODED FIGURE OF
BATMAN FLASHES THROUGH BURSTING FLAMES,
AND...

I KNEW
YOU'D SAVE ME,
SUPERMAN!
BUT--BUT WAIT...
YOU'RE NOT
SUPERMAN!

I'M ONLY **BATMAN**, LOIS --
SUBBING FOR **SUPERMAN**
WHILE HE'S BUSY!



OH, **SUPERMAN**,
LOOK! THIS IS THE
GREAT **BATMAN**--
AND HE SAVED MY
LIFE!

BUT **SUPERMAN** PUT THE
FIRE OUT! NOW MAYBE THE
TWO OF US CAN FIND THE
CROOK WHO STARTED IT!



BY WELDING SHUT
THE BULLET-HOLES WITH
MY FINGERS, I CHOKED
OFF THE FIRE! NOW TO
INHALE A LUNGFUL OF
WATER-VAPOR FROM
THIS CLOUD!



THE WATER-VAPOR
OF THE CLOUD WILL
SMOTHER THIS FIRE
QUICKLY!

GOSH,
BATMAN--
I'VE READ SO
MUCH ABOUT
YOU, BUT I
NEVER THOUGHT
I'D MEET YOU
THIS WAY!

BUT AFTER A SWIFT MANHUNT ALONG THE PIER...

HE DISCARDED
THIS ASBESTOS
SUIT AND GOT
AWAY!

NOBODY CAME
OFF THE PIER!
I STOPPED
EVERYONE
WHEN I HEARD
THE ALARM!

SUPERMAN, I
FIGURE THAT
CROOK PLANNED
TO BOARD THE
VARANIA AS
A PASSENGER,
FOR AN EASY
GETAWAY!



BUT BEFORE CONTINUING THE PURSUIT, A VITAL MATTER MUST BE SETTLED...

SUPERMAN, YOU CAN DEPEND ON ME TO KEEP SECRET YOUR IDENTITY AS **CLARK KENT**! AND ONLY YOU AND MY PAL **ROBIN** KNOW THAT I'M **BRUCE WAYNE**!

I'LL KEEP YOUR SECRET, TOO, **BATMAN**! BUT WHAT'LL WE DO ABOUT THAT BANDIT?



EVEN IF HE'S ON THAT SHIP, IF WE SUDDENLY APPEAR AS **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** WHILE AT SEA, OUR IDENTITIES MAY BE SUSPECTED!

THEN WE MUST SAIL ON THE **VARANIA** AS **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN**-- AS WELL AS IN OUR EVERY-DAY IDENTITIES!



THUS, AN AMAZED CAPTAIN FINDS THAT HE IS TO HAVE TWO WORLD-FAMOUS PASSENGERS!

YOU SEE, WE BELIEVE THIS CROOK IS A PASSENGER WHO BOARDED SHIP IN THE UPROAR, AND WE'RE GOING ALONG TO CATCH HIM!

WHY--WHY, I'M HONORED, GENTLEMEN! I'LL GIVE YOU TWO MY OWN CABIN... I CAN SHARE THE MATE'S!



BUT AWHILE LATER, AS THE VARANIA FORGES OUT TO SEA, SUPERMAN GETS AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE...

LOIS! WHAT ARE **YOU** DOING ON BOARD?

I'M GOING ALONG! I PHONED THE CHIEF FOR PERMISSION TO TAKE MY VACATION NOW, AND HAD A SUITCASE RUSHED DOWN! NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO GET **THIS** STORY!



BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE-- THERE'S NO CABIN-SPACE!

A WOMEN WHO WAS UPSET BY THE FIRE CANCELLED HERS, SO I WAS GIVEN HER CABIN! AND BY THE WAY, **SUPERMAN**, YOUR FRIEND **CLARK KENT** IS ABOARD... I'LL TELL HIM YOU'RE HERE!



AN EMERGENCY THAT BOTH CRIME-FIGHTERS HAVE OFTEN FACED CALLS FOR QUICK ACTION...

WE'VE GOT TO REACH OUR CABIN AND SWITCH TO **CLARK AND BRUCE** BEFORE **LOIS** GETS THERE! GOSH-- WHY DID SHE HAVE TO COME ALONG?



WHY NOT? SHE SEEMS LIKE A CHARMING GIRL!

SHE IS-- BUT IF YOU ONLY KNEW THE TROUBLE THAT GIRL HAS CAUSED ME, **BATMAN**...

OH, OH... HERE SHE COMES NOW! QUICK-- GET INTO YOUR BUNK!

AND WHEN LOIS ENTERS...

HE SEEMS PRETTY SEASICK, MISS LANE! I'LL HAVE TO STAY HERE AND TAKE CARE OF HIM!

CLARK KENT, YOU **WOULD** BE SEASICK! WELL, I DON'T CARE-- NOT WITH **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** ABOARD!

WHEW! THAT'LL EXPLAIN WHY BRUCE AND CLARK DON'T APPEAR DURING THE VOYAGE!

BUT LOIS WILL BE TAGGING EVERYWHERE AFTER **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN**! HOW CAN WE ROOT OUT THE CRIMINAL ON BOARD WITH HER GETTING IN OUR HAIR?

LATER, ON DECK...

SAY-- I JUST THOUGHT OF A WAY TO KEEP LOIS OUT OF MY HAIR! IF YOU COULD PAY ATTENTION TO HER-- MAKE HER THINK YOU'RE FALLING FOR HER-- AND I PRETEND TO BE JEALOUS, SHE'D BE TOO OCCUPIED FOR AMATEUR DETECTIVE WORK!

WELL-- IF YOU SAY SO... ALL RIGHT!

SO THAT'S HIS SCHEME! WELL, I'LL JUST TEACH **SUPERMAN** A LESSON!

AND THE MAN OF STEEL TAKES A QUICK METHOD TO STOP THE SHIP FROM PITCHING...

OH, **BATMAN**, I SO WANT TO TALK TO YOU! ER... **SUPERMAN**, WHY DON'T YOU GO SMOOTH OUT THESE ROUGH WAVES, SO THE SHIP WILL STOP PITCHING?

HMPH! SINCE YOU SEEM TO PREFER **BATMAN'S** COMPANY, I WILL!

LOIS DOES SEEM RATHER TAKEN BY **BATMAN**! OH, WELL... IT'LL HELP OUR GAG! AND WHILE I'M DOING THIS, I'LL LOOK THROUGH THE SHIP FOR THE STOLEN DIAMONDS!

THOUGH **SUPERMAN'S** PENETRATING **X-RAY VISION** DISCOVERS NO DIAMONDS, IT DOES SPOT SOME-
THING ELSE OF INTEREST...



HMM...THAT MAN IS CARRYING A HIDDEN PISTOL! HE COULD BE THE ONE WE'RE AFTER... I'LL HAVE TO TELL **BATMAN** ABOUT THIS!

AND BACK ON DECK...

HIS WALLET CARDS READ "JOHN SMILTER, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER," BUT THAT COULD BE A FAKE!

AND YOU SAY, YOUR **X-RAY VISION** COULDN'T SPOT THE DIAMONDS ANYWHERE ABOARD? SUPPOSE YOU KEEP LOIS HERE, WHILE I LOOK OVER MR. SMILTER!



OH, IT'S ONLY **YOU**, **SUPERMAN**! **BATMAN** WAS GOING TO TELL ME SOME OF HIS GREAT EXPLOITS. WASN'T IT WONDERFUL THE WAY HE SAVED ME?

I'VE SAVED YOU 100 TIMES, BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT!

WHY, I THINK SHE'S **REALLY** FALLEN FOR **BATMAN**!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS **BATMAN** MANAGES A CASUAL MEETING WITH THEIR SUSPECT...

YES, **BATMAN**-- I'M AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER SPECIALIZING IN HIGH-TENSION WORK! MATTER OF FACT, I HAVE A JOB TO DO ON THE SHIP'S DYNAMO IN JUST A FEW MINUTES!

HIS SHOES HAVE LEATHER SOLES, AND HIGH-TENSION MEN ALWAYS WEAR **RUBBER** SOLES FOR SAFETY! HE'S LYING!



MINUTES LATER...

HE MUST BE OUR MAN--BUT WITHOUT THE DIAMOND-LOOT, WE CAN'T PROVE A THING!

IT'S A MYSTERY BECAUSE MY **X-RAY VISION** WOULD SEE THE DIAMONDS IF THEY WERE ON THE SHIP!

OH, **BATMAN**...



THE SHIP IS HOLDING A DANCE TONIGHT, AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D DO SOME OF YOUR FAMOUS STUNTS, TO HELP MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

WELL, I'LL DO THE BEST I CAN, LOIS-- THOUGH I CAN'T SEE WHY YOU DON'T ASK **SUPERMAN**, TOO!



SO THAT NIGHT, BEFORE AWED SPECTATORS, A DAZZLING DISPLAY OF **BATMAN'S** LEGENDARY ACROBATIC SKILL!

HE'S REALLY TERRIFIC!

OH, ISN'T HE? AND SO GLAMOROUS, TOO!

GUESS I'LL DO A FEW STUNTS FOR THE AUDIENCE TOO, LOIS! BE BACK IN JUST A MOMENT!

HO, HUM-- YOU CAN IF YOU LIKE!

A TRIP TO NORTHERN WATERS AND BACK AGAIN TAKES ONLY A MOMENT AT THE **MAN OF STEEL'S** SUPER-SPEED! THEN, SOME **SUPER-JUGGLING**...

WOW! LOOK AT HIM JUGGLE THOSE ICEBERGS! WHAT A GUY!

OH, YES-- (YAWN)-- BUT HE'S SO CORNY! I GUESS (YAWN) I'LL POLISH MY NAILS!

AND WHEN THE PERFORMANCE IS OVER...

MY **SUPER-HEARING** CAUGHT WHAT LOIS SAID, **BATMAN**, AND... WELL-- I GUESS THE BETTER MAN WON!

BUT I ONLY PAID ATTENTION TO HER TO KEEP HER FROM MESSING UP OUR SEARCH--AS YOU SUGGESTED,

BUT **SUPERMAN** IS WRONG! FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

THE HELICOPTER WILL BE HERE SOON, TO PICK ME UP... AND A LITTLE SABOTAGE WILL KEEP **SUPERMAN** TOO BUSY TO FOLLOW! BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE, I'LL TAKE ALONG A HOSTAGE!

I'M SURE SMILTER IS OUR MAN... YET, IF YOU COULDN'T SEE THE DIAMONDS ON BOARD, WHAT DID HE DO WITH THEM?

I CAN'T IMAGINE-- BUT ANYWAY, HE CAN'T LEAVE THE SHIP UNTIL WE REACH PORT!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! OUR TURBINES HAVE FAILED--AND A STORM IS COMING THIS WAY!

I WONDER--IS IT JUST AN ACCIDENTAL FAILURE? WE'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS, **SUPERMAN!**



AND AS THE FIRST FORCE OF THE STORM STRIKES THE DISABLED LINER A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THERE'S NO DANGER-- I CAN TOW THE SHIP SAFELY ASHORE!

HELP! THAT HELICOPTER JUST PICKED UP MR. SMILTER-- AND HE FORCED MISS LANE TO GO WITH HIM!



WE'RE STYMIED! I CAN'T ZIP AFTER THEM-- AND YOU CAN'T BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO TOW THE SHIP TO SAFETY!

MAYBE YOU CAN FLY IF WE USE A LITTLE TEAMWORK! GET OUT ON MY SHOULDER, **BATMAN**, SO I CAN USE MY OTHER HAND...



MEANWHILE...

YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING TO TELL ME, MR. SMILTER... WHY-- WHAT--?

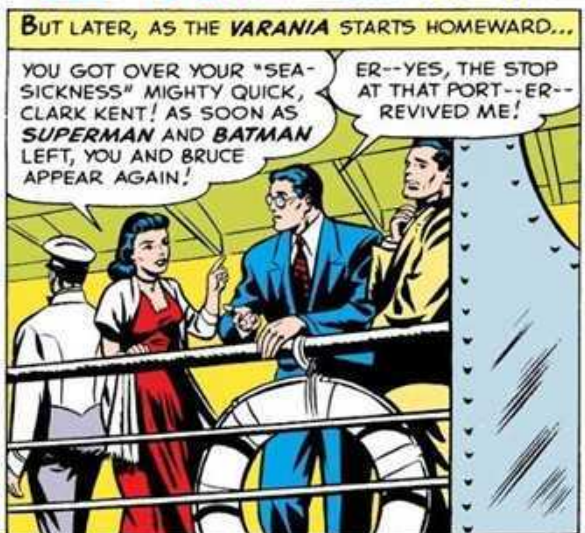
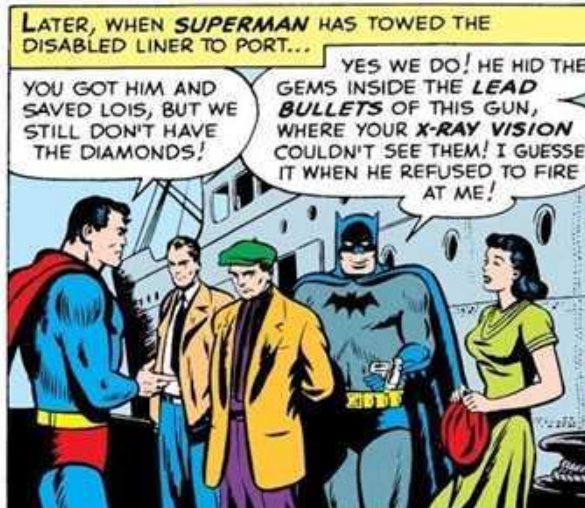
THAT HELICOPTER IS PICKING ME UP HERE--AND YOU'RE GOING ALONG, MISS LANE!



...TO GIVE YOU A START!

WOW, THIS IS TRAVELLING! **ROBIN** WOULD'VE LOVED THIS!





THAT NIGHT, AS DARKNESS SHROUDS THE HOME-
WARD-BOUND *VARANIA*...

YOU CAN MAKE A BRIEF
APPEARANCE IN GOTHAM
CITY, AND I CAN BRING
YOU BACK TO THE SHIP
AT *SUPER-SPEED*!



SO MINUTES LATER, IN GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK-- BATMAN! HE'S
WATCHING OUT FOR
CRIME, AS USUAL!



NEXT MORNING...

WHY, THE SHIP'S
RADIO NEWS-
SHEET SPEAKS
OF *BATMAN*
APPEARING IN
GOTHAM CITY
LAST NIGHT! THEN
HE COULDN'T
POSSIBLY BE
BRUCE WAYNE!

THAT
CONVINCED
HER--BUT
I'M AFRAID
THERE'S
NO HELP
FOR ME!

YES THERE
IS! WHEN
WE NEAR
PORT CITY,
YOU ZIP
AHEAD AS
SUPERMAN,
AND GREET
THE SHIP!
I'LL FIX
THINGS
FOR YOU!



AND WHEN THE *VARANIA* DOCKS, LOIS AND CLARK
KENT DISEMBARK TO BE GREETED BY...

SUPERMAN!

WELCOME
HOME, LOIS!
OH, HELLO,
CLARK--SORRY
YOU WERE
SO SEASICK!



LATER, IN A SECLUDED CORNER...

YOUR WONDERFUL SKILL IN
DISGUIISING AS CLARK KENT
SAVED MY SECRET, *BATMAN*!
BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW
WHICH OF US LOIS REALLY
PREFERS!

LET'S SEE
WHICH OF
US SHE'LL GO
OUT TO DINNER
WITH... THAT'LL
PROVE HER
PREFERENCE!



BUT WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE CROWD...

HI, *BATMAN*! WHAT DO
YOU THINK?... I'M TAKING
MISS LANE OUT TO
DINNER!

ISN'T HE
THE CUTEST
LITTLE CHAP?

OH, NO!



The End



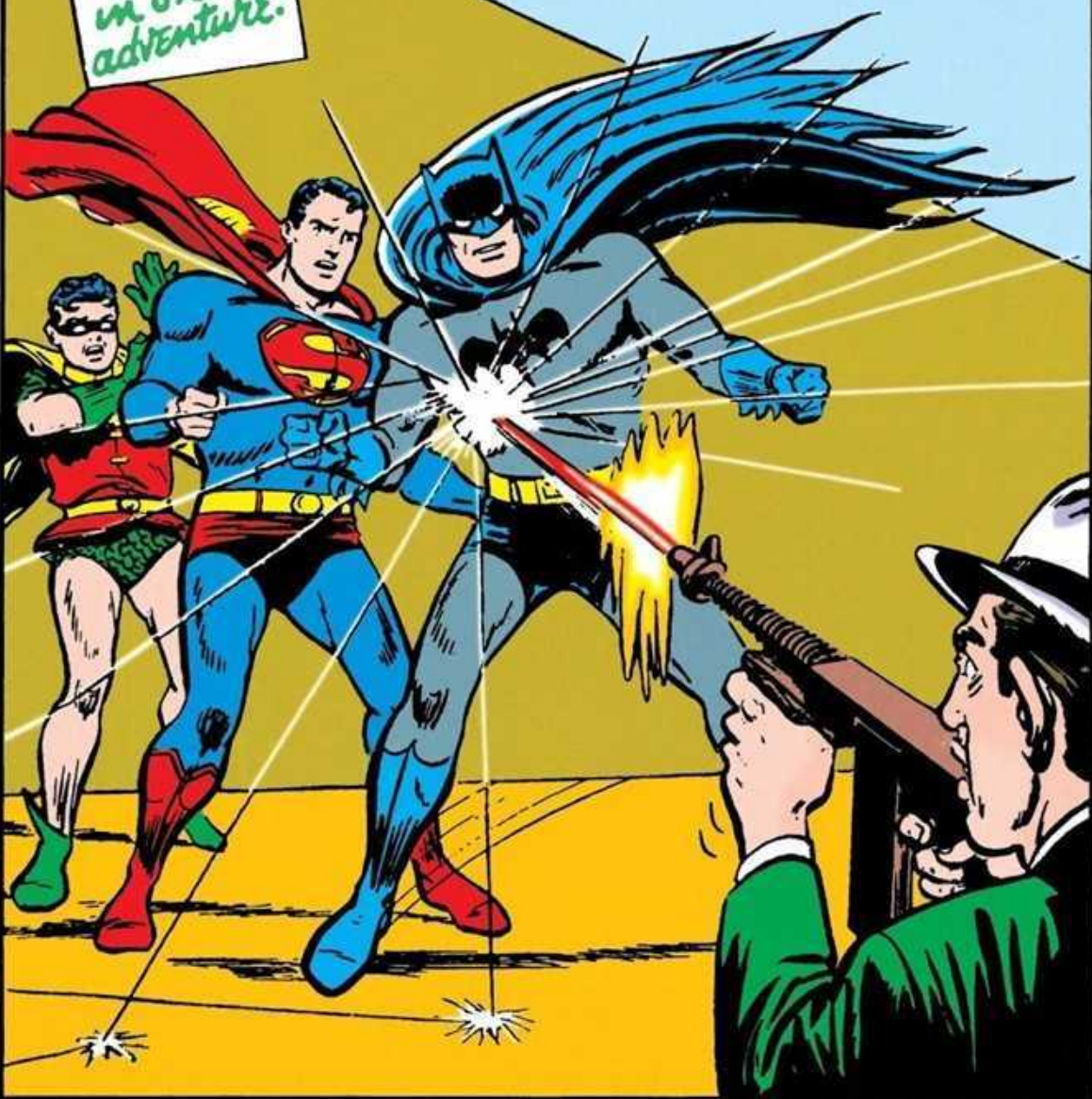
JULY-AUG.
NO. 71



WORLD'S FINEST COMICS

Featuring
YOUR TWO
FAVORITE
HEROES
TOGETHER
*in one
adventure!*

In this issue:
READ WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN **SUPERMAN**
AND **BATMAN**
EXCHANGE
IDENTITIES!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN

and

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE

Together!

WH-WHAT'S
THIS? AREN'T
YOU FELLOWS
A LITTLE
MIXED UP?

NOT AT ALL, ROBIN.
I'M BATMAN AND
CLARK, HERE, IS
SUPERMAN!



IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE SECRET IDENTITIES OF THOSE BATTLING HEROES, **SUPERMAN AND BATMAN**, YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE. BUT LET'S HOPE YOU DON'T GET AS CONFUSED AS LOIS LANE OR AS TANGLED UP AS **BATMAN** AS YOU FOLLOW HIS DESPERATE AND BREATHTAKING EFFORT TO PROTECT THE **MAN OF STEEL** WHEN HE BECOMES--

BATMAN-DOUBLE for SUPERMAN!

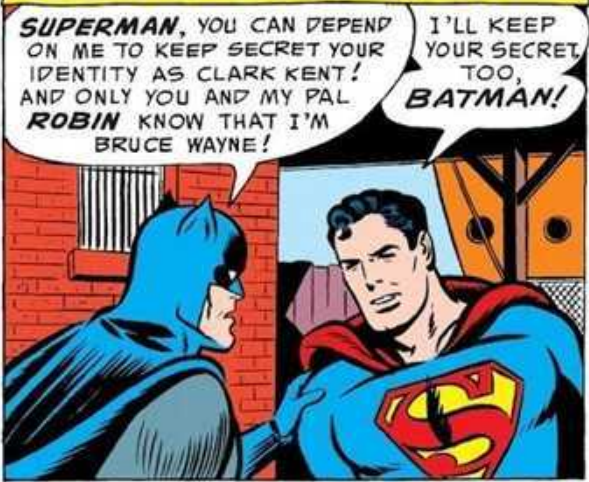
SOME TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THE FATEFUL DAY WHEN PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE AND REPORTER CLARK KENT-- RESPONDING TO A SHIP EMERGENCY FROM THE CABIN THEY HAPPENED TO BE SHARING-- SWITCHED INTO ACTION AND DISCOVERED THAT...



WHY-- WHY, CLARK KENT, YOU'RE **SUPERMAN!**

AND YOU, BRUCE WAYNE... YOU'RE **BATMAN!**

AND BROUGHT ABOUT THAT ENDURING COMPACT BETWEEN THE TWO STALWART CRIME-FIGHTERS.



SUPERMAN, YOU CAN DEPEND ON ME TO KEEP SECRET YOUR IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT! AND ONLY YOU AND MY PAL **ROBIN** KNOW THAT I'M BRUCE WAYNE!

I'LL KEEP YOUR SECRET, TOO, **BATMAN!**

BUT MANY MONTHS LATER, THAT COMPACT WAS TO LEAD TO THE STRANGE ADVENTURE WHICH BEGAN FIVE MILES OUTSIDE METROPOLIS HARBOR AS A STOLEN HELICOPTER LANDED AT SEA.



THIS IS THE SPOT! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MUCH TROUBLE FINDING IT IN THE SANDY BOTTOM! BUT-- WORK FAST! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE COAST GUARD CLOSES IN ON US!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE DIVER EMERGES TO THE SURFACE AGAIN...



I'VE GOT IT, SHORTY! TAKE OFF--FAST! IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO GET STOPPED BY THE COAST GUARD JUST WHEN WE'VE GOT POWER LIKE THIS IN OUR HANDS!

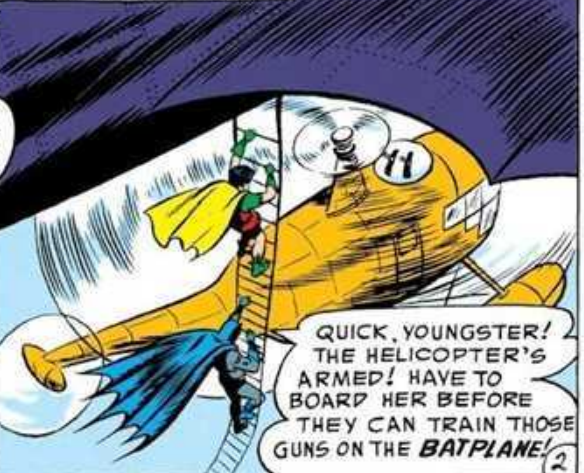
BUT MOMENTS LATER, A BIZARRE SKY-CRAFT DIVES FROM A CLOUD BANK TO REVEAL THE **BATPLANE** AND ITS FAMED OCCUPANTS, **BATMAN AND ROBIN**...



LOOK! ACCORDING TO THE COAST-GUARD RADIO MESSAGE, THAT MUST BE THE STOLEN HELICOPTER THEY'RE LOOKING FOR.

SET THE AUTOMATIC CONTROLS WHILE WE TRY TO BOARD HER BY THE ROPE LADDER!

WITH THE **BATPLANE** SET TO HOVER OVER THE FLEEING CRAFT...



QUICK, YOUNGSTER! THE HELICOPTER'S ARMED! HAVE TO BOARD HER BEFORE THEY CAN TRAIN THOSE GUNS ON THE **BATPLANE!**

BUT--THIS TIME, THE DARING DUO IS TOO LATE...



NOBODY'S GOING TO TAKE THIS PRICELESS KRYPTONITE AWAY FROM US-- NOT EVEN **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

A DIRECT HIT! THERE GOES THE **BATPLANE'S** TAIL SECTION!

SWIFTLY OUTDISTANCING THEIR CRIPPLED PURSUERS...

EVER SINCE THAT DAY LAST MONTH WHEN **SUPERMAN** TOSSED THIS PIECE OF KRYPTONITE INTO THE OCEAN ON THE END OF A LONG POLE, AND I HAPPENED TO SEE WHERE IT FELL, I KNEW I'D GET IT! IMAGINE-- THIS LITTLE ROCK HAS RAYS THAT CAN DESTROY **SUPERMAN!!**



BUT NOW THE LINES OF DESTINY BEGIN TO CONVERGE--FOR AT THAT MOMENT, ON A METROPOLIS STREET, **SUPERMAN**, IN HIS GUISSE AS CLARK KENT, DISCOVERS...

GREAT SCOTT! THE **BATPLANE!** ABOUT TO CRASH! AND **BATMAN AND ROBIN** ABOUT TO RISK A DESPERATE LEAP FOR SAFETY! IT'S UP TO **SUPERMAN** TO SAVE THEIR NECKS!



AND THE LAST STRAND NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE FATEFUL TANGLE! FOR AS CLARK SWITCHES IN A CONVENIENT DOORWAY...



GREAT SCOTT! **LOIS LANE--** OF ALL PEOPLE!

UHP! CAN IT BE TRUE?

SO-- CLARK IS **SUPERMAN!** I'VE SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS-- MY SECRET IS EXPOSED! BUT-- NO TIME FOR WORRYING ABOUT THAT NOW. THE LIVES OF **BATMAN AND ROBIN** COME FIRST!



SECONDS LATER, AS HE REACHES THE FAMED GOTHAM CITY CRIME-FIGHTERS...

THEY TRIED TO LAND ON THIS CANOPY. WITH A LITTLE HELP, THEY'LL MAKE IT, WHILE I GO ON AND STOP THE **BATPLANE** BEFORE IT CRASHES!



SAVED!
THANKS TO
A BEAUTIFUL
TRIPLE
PLAY BY
SUPERMAN!

I FIGURED
WE'D MEET
AGAIN SOMEDAY--
BUT I NEVER
DREAMED HOW
LUCKY IT WOULD
BE FOR US!

AND HOW UNLUCKY FOR **SUPERMAN**-- AS
IS REVEALED AFTER THE TRIO FINDS A
SECLUDED SPOT TO TALK THINGS OVER...

NEVER MIND REPAIRING THE
BATPLANE NOW, **SUPERMAN**.
THE BIGGER PROBLEM IS LOIS
LANE'S DISCOVERY OF YOUR
IDENTITY. IF YOU HADN'T
RESCUED US, IT WOULDN'T
HAVE HAPPENED.

NOTHING
CAN BE
DONE
ABOUT IT
NOW, I'M
AFRAID!

WAIT! SUPPOSE WE CONFUSED
HER! SUPPOSE SHE WERE NOW
TO DISCOVER THAT **BRUCE WAYNE**
IS **SUPERMAN**! SHE'D DELAY
HER STORY TO CHECK-- AND WE'D
GAIN TIME TO FIND A SOLUTION!
BUT IT MEANS-- I'LL HAVE TO
PLAY **SUPERMAN**!

SAY--!

AND SO-- AS BOTH APPROVE THE SCHEME,
THERE OCCURS AN AMAZING DOUBLE-SWITCH
OF IDENTITIES...

AND MEANWHILE, I'LL PLAY
BATMAN AND FOLLOW UP ON THOSE THUGS
WHO SHOT YOU DOWN! HMM-- IF WE FIT EACH
OTHER'S ROLES AS WELL AS WE DO EACH
OTHER'S COSTUMES-- WE'LL DO FINE. THOUGH,
FRANKLY,
YOURS IS
THE HARDER
JOB!

SO IT WOULD SEEM AS, NOT LONG AFTER,
SUPERMAN'S POWERS TRACE THE
HELICOPTER'S TRAIL WITH EASE COMPARED
TO **BRUCE'S** TASK OF PLAYING **SUPERMAN**.

HMM-- ACCORDING TO **BATMAN**,
THOSE THUGS WERE HEADED
INLAND, AND SINCE THEY COULD
ONLY LAND ON A RIVER, IT
WAS JUST A MATTER OF
USING MY X-RAY VISION
TO LOCATE THE SPOT THEY
MIGHT HAVE CONCEALED
IT! AND THERE IT IS!

BUT MEANWHILE, IN THE HOUSE NEARBY...

SO FAR-- WE'RE ALL SET!
THE KRYPTONITE IS SAFELY
CACHED IN THE BACK ROOM.
NOW TO GO OUT AND SEE WHAT
THE BIG MOBS WILL OFFER FOR
THIS STUFF WHOSE RAYS ARE
DEADLY TO **SUPERMAN**!

AND JUST THEN, ENTERING THROUGH THE BACK WINDOW...

I TRACED THEM
TO THIS HOUSE...
NOW TO SUR--
GREAT SCOTT!
WH-WHAT'S WRONG...?
I S-SUDDENLY
F-FEEL FAINT...
EVERYTHING'S
GOING BLACK...



AND BACK IN METROPOLIS, OUTSIDE THE DAILY PLANET BUILDING...

SO--JUST AS LOIS IS ABOUT TO REPORT AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE WITH HER BIG STORY...

WITH YOUR MAKE-UP AND THAT COSTUME, YOU SURE LOOK LIKE **SUPERMAN** TO ME. BUT HERE'S HOPING YOU CAN CONVINCE LOIS LANE WHEN SHE GETS HERE WITH HER BIG STORY!

HERE SHE COMES NOW! GET SET, **ROBIN!**

W-WHY--**SUPERMAN!** I--I WAS JUST--ER--THINKING OF YOU!

AND I'VE BEEN THINKING OF CLARK. I'M AFRAID SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM, BECAUSE HE HASN'T BEEN AROUND. BUT SINCE YOU HAD A DATE WITH HIM LAST NIGHT--

HA-HA-HA! DON'T GIVE ME THAT, **SUPERMAN**. YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT CLARK THAN YOU PRETEND-- AND-- I WON'T BE TAKEN IN ANYMORE!

WELL--IF THAT'S ALL YOU CAN SAY, I'LL TRY ANOTHER WAY!

HE'S SLIPPED THE **BATROPE** OFF AND RUSHED INTO THAT DOORWAY TO SWITCH. AND FROM LOIS' WORRIED LOOK, SHE'S PLANNING TO SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO--JUST AS WE PLANNED!



AND IN THE DOORWAY-- WHERE "SUPERMAN" IS SWITCHING BACK TO HIS IDENTITY OF BRUCE WAYNE...

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S IN A HURRY TO WRITE HER BIG STORY, I KNEW SHE COULDN'T RESTRAIN HER CURIOSITY TO SEE WHAT **SUPERMAN** IS UP TO. HERE SHE COMES... NOW TO LET HER CATCH ME IN THE ACT OF CHANGING!



HE'S SWITCHING TO--TO-- BRUCE WAYNE, THE WEALTHY GOTHAM CITY PLAYBOY! BUT-- BUT--HM--I GET IT! **SUPERMAN** SUSPECTS I KNOW HIS SECRET AND IS TRYING TO TRICK ME INTO THINKING HE'S NOT CLARK! BECAUSE HE CAN'T BE BRUCE WAYNE!



BENT ON PROVING HERSELF RIGHT, LOIS WAITS UNTIL BRUCE EMERGES, AND THEN...

WHY--BRUCE WAYNE! NICE TO SEE YOU IN METROPOLIS. REMEMBER, AT OUR LAST MEETING, YOU AGREED TO TAKE ME TO DINNER SOMETIME, SO I COULD INTERVIEW YOU ABOUT THE BIG BUSINESSES YOU RUN?

ER--WELL--HOW ABOUT DINNER TONIGHT THEN?



THEN--SHORTLY AFTER, IN A NEARBY PHONE BOOTH...

AND I'VE ARRANGED A PICNIC DINNER IN AN ISOLATED STATE PARK, MR. PEATTY. YOU JUST LET YOUR LIONS LOOSE THERE AND... WHAT? NO--THEY WON'T FRIGHTEN ME. I KNOW THEY'RE TRAINED AND WILL RESPOND TO YOUR COMMANDS!



SO--THAT EVENING, IN A PICTURESQUE OUTDOOR SETTING...

I ALWAYS PREFER OUTDOOR EATING TO STUFFY RESTAURANTS, MR. WAYNE. DON'T YOU?

WHAT A LINE SHE'S HANDING ME BEFORE FEEDING ME TO THE LIONS--AS SHE THINKS... BUT SHE'S DUE FOR A SURPRISE!

SUDDENLY...

GOOD HEAVENS! LOOK!

HER TRAINED LIONS! RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! WELL--NOW TO CONVINCE HER! I'LL PLAY **SUPERMAN** WITHOUT CHANGING INTO COSTUME. SHE'LL THINK I DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT--I HOPE!



SO-- INSTEAD OF BRUCE FLEEING AS SHE EXPECTED, LOIS IS ASTONISHED TO SEE...

WHY-- WHY-- HE-- HE'S KNOCKING THEM OUT WITH HIS BARE FISTS! BUT-- BUT-- NO ONE COULD DO THAT-- EVEN TO TAME LIONS, UNLESS HE WAS **SUPERMAN**! IS-- IS IT POSSIBLE?

ER-- SO MUCH FOR THE LIONS. THEY MUST HAVE GOTTEN AWAY FROM SOME CIRCUS... BUT, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE NOW. AND-- ER-- LOIS-- PLEASE PROMISE ME YOU WON'T TELL ANYONE-- ER-- WHAT YOU SAW ME DO!

BUT-- WELL-- ER-- ALL RIGHT, BRUCE!

BUT THAT NIGHT, AT BRUCE'S HOME, AS HE DISCUSSES THINGS WITH HIS YOUNG WARD, **DICK GRAYSON**...

BUT HOW DID YOU MAKE LOIS THINK YOU HAD OVERPOWERED THOSE LIONS?

IT WAS SIMPLE, DICK! I MERELY SPOKE THE COMMAND PEATTY USES TO MAKE HIS LIONS PLAY DEAD SO I COULD PRETEND TO KNOCK THEM OUT!

BUT THE NEXT TEST SHE COOKS UP MAY NOT BE SO SIMPLE. AND, MEANWHILE, **SUPERMAN** HASN'T SHOWN UP TO HELP ME OUT. THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME. WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED TO **SUPERMAN**?

GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO USE OUR WITS TILL WE FIND OUT!

SO-- NEXT DAY, AT A CROWDED MUSEUM OPENING WHERE BRUCE HAS AGREED TO MEET LOIS...

HMM... ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS, IF SAMSON HAD HAD HIS WITS ABOUT HIM, DELILAH NEVER WOULD'VE SUCCEEDED IN CUTTING HIS HAIR!

NOW TO SEE IF THAT GOES FOR BRUCE WAYNE, TOO...

BUT-- AS THE BLADES CLOSE ON THE LOCK OF BRUCE'S HAIR-- THE SCISSORS SUDDENLY BREAK APART IN LOIS' HAND...

GOOD HEAVENS! HIS HAIR IS AS TOUGH AS STEEL! HE-- HE MUST BE **SUPERMAN**, AFTER ALL! BUT-- I-- I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I SAW CLARK AS **SUPERMAN** THE OTHER DAY... THERE MUST BE AN ANSWER!

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, AT BRUCE'S HOME AGAIN...

BEING TRAINED IN ALERTNESS, I HAPPENED TO SEE THAT BARBER'S SCISSORS IN HER PURSE WHEN SHE OPENED IT TO PUT MAKE-UP ON. IT WAS EASY TO GUESS WHY SHE MIGHT BE CARRYING IT. IN THE CROWD, I SLIPPED THE SCISSORS OUT...

-- BROKE THE BLADES AND PUT THEM LOOSELY TOGETHER AGAIN WITH GLUE FROM MY UTILITY BELT, SO THEY'D BREAK THE MINUTE SHE TRIED TO CUT MY HAIR!

BUT-- NOW THAT SHE'S CONVINCED YOU'RE **SUPERMAN**, YOU'RE WORSE OFF THAN EVER!

TOMORROW'S THE DAY **SUPERMAN** PROMISED TO MOVE HER FURNITURE TO HER NEW HOUSE! AND HE HASN'T SHOWN UP YET! AND ONCE YOU TRY TO MOVE HER HEAVY STUFF, YOU'LL GIVE YOURSELF AWAY FOR SURE!

THERE'S GOT TO BE AN ANSWER SOMEHOW!

NOON OF THE NEXT DAY, AS LOIS RETURNS HOME FROM THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...

WHY-- IT'S **SUPERMAN**! AND HE'S ALREADY STARTED MOVING MY THINGS!

HI, LOIS. WE'LL HAVE YOUR MOVING DONE IN A JIFFY!

BUT LOIS-- EVER ALERT AND SUSPICIOUS, SUDDENLY ASKS...

HMM-- I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, **SUPERMAN**-- BUT SINCE WHEN DID YOU NEED A MOVING VAN TO CARRY THINGS-- WHEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FLY THEM OVER TO MY NEW PLACE YOURSELF?

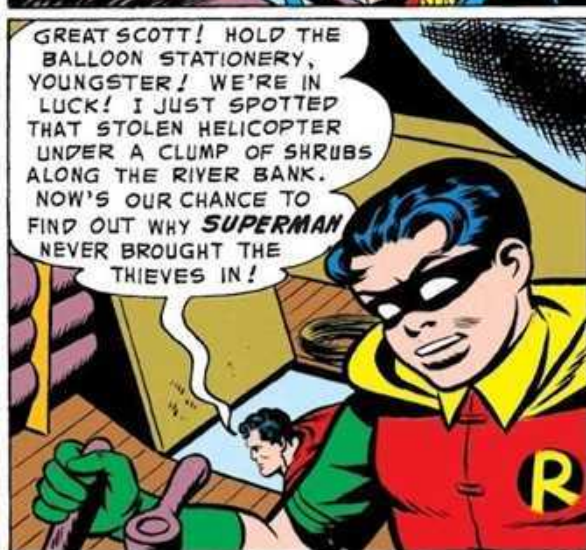
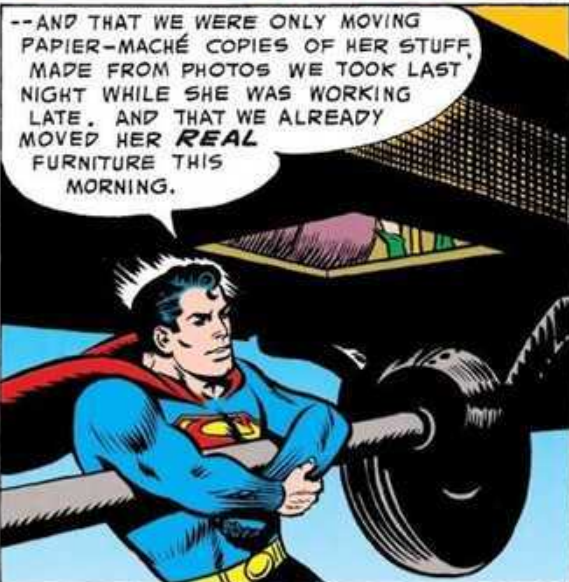
ER-- WELL-- THIS VAN OWNER IS A FRIEND OF MINE...

--AND I THOUGHT I'D DO HIM A FAVOR BY HIRING HIS VAN. BUT-- DON'T GET THE IDEA I COULDN'T LIFT IT IF I WANTED TO.

WELL-- THEN, LET'S SEE YOU LIFT IT!

ANOTHER IMPOSSIBLE DEMAND TO WHICH BRUCE GIVES THE IMPOSSIBLE ANSWER AS, SUDDENLY...

BUT--HOW HAS BRUCE MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH HIS AMAZING **SUPERMAN** FEAT? LET'S HAVE A LOOK **INSIDE** THE MOVING VAN, WHERE...



BUT AS THE DISGUISED BRUCE SLIDES DOWN A LONG **BATROPE** TO INVESTIGATE, HIS MOVEMENTS ARE NOTED THROUGH A DISTANT PAIR OF BINOCULARS...



SHORTLY AFTER...

THAT WHITE HOUSE TWO MILES UP ALONG THE RIVER BANK WAS WHERE HE LANDED. HERE'S MY CHANCE FOR A SCOOP, IF I'M ON TIME. AND I STILL MAY GET A CHANCE TO LEARN WHY **SUPERMAN** APPEARED ONCE AS CLARK IF HE'S REALLY **BRUCE!**

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE HOUSE NEAR WHICH THE HELICOPTER IS HIDDEN...

WE INVITED YOU HERE BECAUSE YOU THREE RUN THE RICHEST MOBS IN METROPOLIS. BY POOLING YOUR FUNDS, YOU CAN BUY OUR KRYPTONITE AND NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT **SUPERMAN** AGAIN!

FIRST, WE WANNA SEE THIS KRYPTONITE!

AND AT THAT MOMENT, AS BATMAN DISGUISED AS SUPERMAN, LISTENS IN...

SURE-- WE'VE BEEN KEEPING IT LOCKED IN THE BACK ROOM TILL YOU GOT HERE!

KRYPTONITE! NO WONDER **SUPERMAN** DIDN'T COME BACK! IF THEY HAVEN'T KILLED HIM WITH THAT STUFF ALREADY, THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.

SO-- ABRUPTLY...

S-SUPERMAN!
L-LET'S LIGHT OUT OF HERE!

ON THE CONTRARY, IT'S LIGHTS OUT!

DON'T WASTE TIME SHOOTING AT **SUPERMAN!** LET'S GET THAT KRYPTONITE!

FORTUNATELY, SUPERMAN'S IMPENETRABLE CAPE PROTECTS BRUCE FROM THE FLYING BULLETS AS...

SEE-- HE'S HAVING A HARD TIME. THE RAYS FROM THE KRYPTONITE IN BACK MUST BE WORKING ON HIM!

THE KRYPTONITE DOESN'T AFFECT ME, BUT THEY'RE TOO MANY FOR ME. MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO BLUFF THEM BEFORE THEY DISCOVER I'M NOT **SUPERMAN!**

DROP YOUR GUNS AND SURRENDER-- ALL OF YOU! OR I'LL RIP THESE PORTALS APART AND BRING THE BUILDING DOWN ON ALL OF US WITH MY LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH!

AND JUST THEN, CLIMBING IN THROUGH THE REAR WINDOW...

THIS IS THE PLACE. I HEAR A COMMOTION UP FRONT, SO I'LL SLIP IN THROUGH HERE AND SEE IF I CAN'T TRY TO SPOT WHAT'S GOING ON FIRST!

GOOD HEAVENS! IT--IT'S **BATMAN!** HE-HE'S BEEN HURT!

WHY-- HE MUST'VE BEEN HERE UNCONSCIOUS FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS! THERE'S AN OUTLINE OF DUST AROUND THE SPOT WHERE HE'S BEEN LYING. *HMM*, I'D BETTER GET HIS MASK OFF AND TRY TO GET HIM SOME WATER!

GASP! IT--IT'S **SUPERMAN!** NO, IT CAN'T BE--**SUPERMAN** COULDN'T BE KNOCKED OUT! IT--IT'S **CLARK!**

JUST THEN, AFTER HAVING BOUND THE CROOKS WHOM HE HAS BLUFFED INTO SURRENDERING...

L-LOIS!

SUPERMAN! QUICK! HELP! IT'S **CLARK!** HE MUST'VE BEEN GOING AFTER SOME STORY AND GOT HURT POSING AS **BATMAN** TO DO IT! AND TO THINK, ONLY THE OTHER DAY-- I WAS SURE I SAW HIM AS **SUPERMAN!** I MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING!

REALIZING THAT **CLARK** IS A VICTIM OF KRYPTONITE, THE DISGUISED **BRUCE** HASTENS TO REMOVE HIM FROM DANGER...

LET ME TAKE CARE OF HIM. MEANWHILE, YOU GO PHONE THE POLICE TO PICK UP THAT MOB I'VE GOT TIED UP IN FRONT!

ONCE OUT OF RANGE OF THE DEADLY RAYS, CLARK BEGINS TO RECOVER...

B-BRUCE!
W-WHAT
HAPPENED?

YOU WERE OVERCOME BY
KRYPTONITE. NOT A VERY
LARGE PIECE, JUDGING BY THE
SPEED OF YOUR RECOVERY. BUT
THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE.
LISTEN!

AFTER BRUCE HAS EXPLAINED THE SITUATION...

ONCE I'M BACK IN MY OWN
SUPERMAN OUTFIT, I'LL
FIND LOIS AND TAKE HER
BACK TO THE DAILY
PLANET PERSONALLY!

RIGHT-- BUT BE
SURE TO GIVE ME
ENOUGH TIME TO
DO WHAT I HAVE TO
DO AFTER I DISPOSE
OF THE KRYPTONITE!



SO-- SHORTLY AFTER-- ON THE WAY BACK TO
THE DAILY PLANET...

--SO CLARK COULDN'T BE **SUPERMAN**.
OR HE'D NEVER HAVE BEEN KNOCKED
UNCONSCIOUS FOR TWO DAYS
PLAYING **BATMAN**! SO NOW
I'M SURE THAT YOU'RE BRUCE
WAYNE, AFTER ALL! AND YOU
CAN GRIN ALL YOU WANT!

LUCKY
SHE DIDN'T
FIND OUT
ABOUT THAT
KRYPTONITE...



SOME MOMENTS LATER, AS THEY ARRIVE AT
THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE...

WELL-- HERE WE ARE,
LOIS. GO AHEAD AND
WRITE YOUR BIG
STORY ABOUT MY
IDENTITY THEN!

WHY-- WHY-- BRUCE!
BRUCE WAYNE!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE? I
THOUGHT-- I
MEAN--



--YOU ACT AS
IF THERE WERE
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
ME!

ER--I--I'M BEGINNING TO
THINK THERE'S SOMETHING
WRONG WITH **ME**. FIRST--I
IMAGINE I SEE CLARK--WHEN
I COULDN'T HAVE SEEN HIM,
AND THEN-- BUT-- HM...

SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS IS ALL **YOUR** DOING.
I DON'T KNOW HOW-- BUT YOU DELIBERATELY
TRICKED ME BY POSING AS BRUCE YOURSELF.
WELL-- I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW-- FROM NOW ON,
YOU CAN BE THE MAN IN THE MOON FOR ALL
I CARE!



THE
END

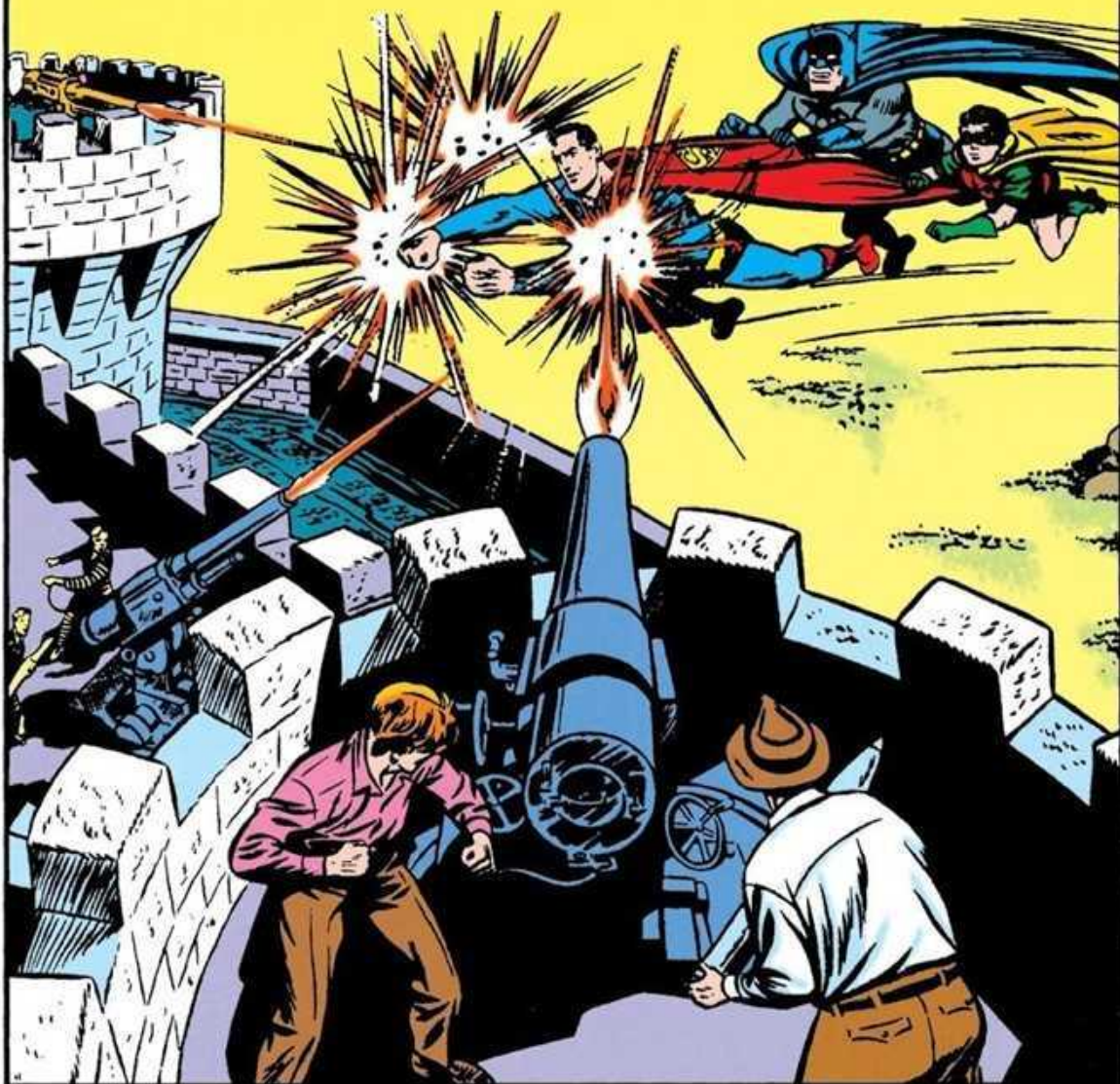


SEPT.-OCT.
NO. 72

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS

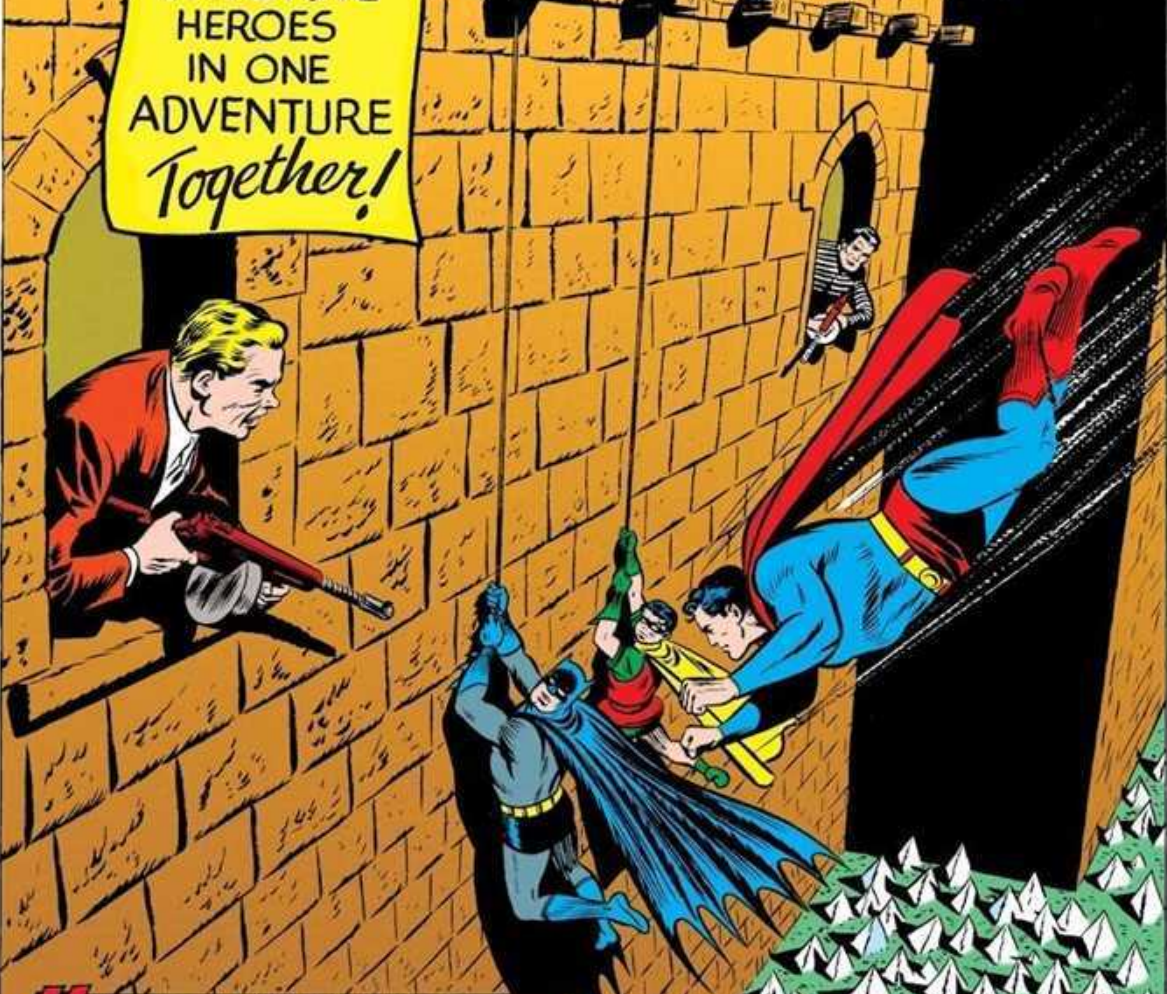
**SUPERMAN
and BATMAN**

IN ONE ADVENTURE TOGETHER... **"FORT CRIME!"**



SUPERMAN REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. and BATMAN AND ROBIN

YOUR TWO
FAVORITE
HEROES
IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!



HERE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST
POPULAR HEROES: **SUPERMAN**,
THE GREATEST ADVENTURE CHARACTER, AND
BATMAN, THE GREATEST DETECTIVE,
ASSISTED BY **ROBIN**, CLASHING WITH A CREW
OF CROOKS, WHO MAKE NEW WEAPONS TO ATTACK
ARMORED CARS. THERE'S PLENTY OF SIZZLING
SUSPENSE IN THE DYNAMIC ACTION THAT OCCURS
WHEN THE TRIUMPHANT TRIO FINALLY
STORMS THE HIDEOUT KNOWN AS...

FORT CRIME!

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A WEEK, AN ARMORED CAR IS BLASTED WITH POWERFUL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS...



CRUSHED LIKE AN EGG-SHELL! AGAINST SPECIAL WEAPONS LIKE OURS, THESE ARMORED CARS AIN'T GOT A CHANCE!

SHUT UP AND LET'S GET THE DOUGH!



BUT SUDDENLY... THAT ARMORED CAR! WAS A PLANT TO TRAP US!



LATER, AT METROPOLIS POLICE HEADQUARTERS

NO IDENTIFICATION -- NO WAY OF TRACING THE SOURCE OF THESE WEAPONS THOSE CROOKS WERE USING!

WE MUST TRACE THEM BEFORE THE CITY IS FLOODED WITH MORE OF THEM!



NO USE, COMMISSIONER! THOSE THUGS **SUPERMAN** CAUGHT WON'T TALK -- NOT EVEN TO SAVE THEMSELVES FROM EXECUTION FOR KILLING THE GUARDS ON THE TRUCK THEY ROBBED LAST WEEK!



IF I WATCH OUT FOR OTHER CROOKS TURNING UP WITH SUCH WEAPONS, MAYBE WE'LL NAB SOMEONE WHO **WILL** TALK!



BUT WHILE **SUPERMAN** PATROLS METROPOLIS, IN GOTHAM CITY, TWO WEEKS LATER, AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON ARE LEAVING AN EXHIBITION OF RARE GEMS...

BRUCE! AN ATTACK ON THE ARMORED CAR WHICH PICKED UP THE EXHIBITION GEMS!

GOTHAM EXHIBITION CENTER
RARE GEMS FROM THE VAN FELDER COLLECTION
TO-DAY

THEY'RE USING SOME KIND OF ANTI-TANK WEAPON! COME ON--THIS CALLS FOR **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

ARMORED

A PASH INTO THE ALLEY, A QUICK SWITCH OF GARB, AND MOMENTS LATER...

GET THE ONES WITH THE WEAPONS FIRST!



AND SEVERAL MOMENTS LATER, IN THE FLOODED STREET...

LOOKS AS IF THEY GOT AWAY CLEAN IN THE CONFUSION, BUT AT LEAST YOU SAVED THE JEWEL TRUCK, **BATMAN!**

YES-- BUT THESE WEAPONS--THEY'RE THE SAME KIND USED BY THE GANG **SUPERMAN** NABBED RECENTLY IN METROPOLIS!

WE MUST LEARN WHERE THESE WEAPONS CAME FROM BEFORE THEY START TURNING UP IN EVERY CITY. BUT THE ONLY WAY TO DO THAT IS TO GET SOMEONE TO TALK.



NEXT MORNING, AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE IN METROPOLIS...

LOOK, CLARK!
THE SAME MYSTERIOUS GUNS USED
BY THE GANG **SUPERMAN** NABBED!
TWO OF THE GANG ARE ALREADY IN
THE DEATH HOUSE, YET THEY WON'T
SPILL TO **SUPERMAN**! BUT
MAYBE THEY'D TALK TO YOU,
CLARK!



EVEN SAVING THEIR LIVES
WON'T INDUCE THEM TO
REVEAL WHERE THOSE
WEAPONS CAME FROM.

HMM-- WELL--
MAYBE A SIMPLE
REPORTER WILL
HAVE BETTER
LUCK, I HOPE!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS CLARK ENTERS THE PRISON...

BATMAN AND ROBIN!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE
HERE FOR THE SAME
REASON I AM?

SUP--ER--I MEAN--
CLARK KENT! WE
HOPED **WE** COULD
GET THOSE CONDEMNED
CROOKS TO
TALK.



**THESE THREE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO
KNOW EACH OTHER'S SECRET IDENTITIES...**

**SHORTLY AFTER, AS CLARK ENTERS "DEATH
ROW"...**

WHY--IT'S
LOIS! PROBABLY TRYING
TO GET A SCOOP OUT
OF THIS! LOOKS LIKE
EVERYBODY'S HERE
TODAY!

YEAH--BUT IT BEATS
ME WHY NO ONE CAN
MAKE THEM GUYS
TALK TO SAVE
THEIR NECKS--



ABRUPTLY...

BECAUSE **OUR** NECKS
AIN'T IN DANGER-- BUT
YOURS ARE--ALL OF YOU--
AT THE FIRST FALSE
MOVE!



**FEARFUL OF CLARK'S AND LOIS' SAFETY, THE GUARD
IS FORCED TO AID IN THE ESCAPE...**

ER--LET US THROUGH.
WARDEN'S ORDERS.
THESE MEN HAVE--
ER--AGREED TO
TALK TO THE
GOVERNOR!

MUST
FIND A WAY
TO BECOME
SUPERMAN--
WITHOUT REVEALING
MY IDENTITY. BUT
HOW?



AFTER THE ESCAPEES AND THEIR HOSTAGES ARE PICKED UP BY A WAITING CAR...

REMEMBER--THIS GUN GOES OFF AT THE FIRST FALSE MOVE!

WE'RE TAKING A ROAD PARALLEL TO THE GOTHAM CITY HIGHWAY THE **BAT-MOBILE** MUST BE USING. IF I COULD ONLY GET WORD TO **BATMAN**, HE'D UNDERSTAND HOW TO HELP!



BUT IN PASSING THE **DAILY PLANET**, CLARK GETS A BETTER IDEA...

THE OFFICE TELETYPE IS WIRED TO THE MOVING SIGN-BOARD ON THE BUILDING. MAYBE I CAN OPERATE IT FROM HERE BY CONTROLLING THE IMPULSES OF THE CURRENT WITH MY X-RAY VISION!



AND INSIDE THE OFFICE...

HEY-- WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE? SOMETHING'S MAKING THE MACHINE TYPE BY ITSELF!



MEANWHILE...

REPORTERS IN BLACK SEDAN

DEATH-HOUSE ESCAPEES SPEED NORTH ON ROUTE 66 WITH HOSTAGE REPORTERS IN BLACK SEDAN!

THERE WAS NO POLICE BROADCAST ON IT-- BUT 66 IS ONLY A BLOCK AWAY. I'LL CUT OVER WHILE YOU CALL HEADQUARTERS!

POLICE

DAILY PLANET



AT HEADQUARTERS, AS THE MESSAGE COMES IN...

YOU STAY ON 66! WE'LL BROADCAST A GENERAL ALERT WHILE WE CHECK WITH THE **PLANET**!



MOMENTS LATER, AS THE ALERT IS PICKED UP BY THE BATMOBILE...

IT MUST BE CLARK. HE WAS GOING TO SEE THOSE MEN IN THE DEATH HOUSE. HE PROBABLY CAN'T CHANGE TO **SUPERMAN** WITHOUT REVEALING HIS SECRET. IT'S UP TO US. LET'S CUT OVER TO 66!

...REPORTERS HELD HOSTAGE...



TEN MINUTES LATER...

THE **BATMOBILE!**
COULD IT BE COMIN'
AFTER US?

CAN'T TAKE
CHANCES. I'LL BLAST
IT BEFORE IT GETS
CLOSER!

THAT SHELL! IT'S THE
"HEAVY-WEAPONS" GANG!
LUCKILY, THE **BATMOBILE**
IS TOUGHER THAN AN
ORDINARY ARMORED CAR.
NOW WE KNOW WE'RE
FOLLOWING THE RIGHT
CAR!



IT DIDN'T STOP THE **BATMOBILE!**
SO I'LL BLAST THE WOODEN BRIDGE!
THAT'LL STOP 'EM FROM FOLLOWING!
AND ONCE WE HIT THE
THREE FORKS,
THERE'LL BE NO ONE
TO SEE WHAT ROAD
WE TAKE!



I COULD'VE DESTROYED THAT
WEAPON WITH MY X-RAY VISION,
BUT WHY RISK LETTING **BATMAN**
CATCH UP NOW? HE'LL BE
SAFER, TRAILING US AND
FINDING A WAY TO TAKE THESE
THUGS BY SURPRISE!



WE'LL LOSE
THEM FOR
SURE NOW!

LET'S TRY RAISING THIS END
BY BRACING IT SO THE
BATMOBILE CAN HURL
ACROSS AFTER BACKING
UP TO GET A FAST
START!



SOON AFTER...

HERE
WE GO!

I'VE GOT
MY FINGERS
CROSSED!



WE MADE IT ALL RIGHT, ONLY WE LOST THEM. THIS ROUTE GOES OFF INTO SEVERAL DIRECTIONS IN THOSE HILLS AHEAD!

MAYBE CLARK MANAGED TO LEAVE A CLUE!

AND CLARK HAS LEFT A CLUE...

MUST LEAVE SOME CLUES FOR BATMAN, SO HE'LL KNOW WHICH WAY TO FOLLOW-- IF I JUST USE MY POWER TO FLY TO THRUST SUDDENLY DOWNWARD ON THE SEAT, MAYBE I CAN BURST THE REAR TIRES...

A DOUBLE-BLOWOUT! LUCKY WE HAPPENED TO HAVE TWO SPARES IN THE TRUNK!

THIS'LL BE EASY FOR BATMAN! THERE'RE ENOUGH MARKS IN THE DIRT TO GUIDE HIM!

AND WHEN THE BATMOBILE REACHES THE AREA...

THERE ARE THE TIRE TRACKS ON ALL THREE FORKS, BUT THE DIRT HERE WAS RECENTLY MARKED UP-- AS IF A TIRE HAD BEEN CHANGED, IN FACT, TWO TIRES!

THAT'S IT! LET'S GO, ROBIN!

A DOUBLE-BLOWOUT IS **TOO** RARE TO BE AN ACCIDENT! CLARK MUST HAVE MANAGED IT SOMEHOW TO TIP US OFF!

THAT OLD STONE FORT IN THESE ISOLATED HILLS! IT **MUST** BE THE HIDEOUT!

WHILE INSIDE THE FORT... SO **THIS** IS WHERE THE WEAPONS COME FROM! A COMPLETE FACTORY SET UP IN THIS ABANDONED FORT!

YOU AIN'T GONNA LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ABOUT IT!

IN FACT, NOW THAT WE NO LONGER NEED HOSTAGES, WE CAN GET RID OF YOU!

LOOKS AS IF I'LL HAVE TO GO INTO ACTION AND REVEAL MY IDENTITY AS **SUPERMAN**, AFTER ALL!

SUDDENLY...

THE **BAT-BOLO!** THAT MEANS-- THEY'VE GOTTEN HERE!

DON'T SHOOT! IT'S **BATMAN AND ROBIN!** THEY'RE OUTSIDE! IF **THEY** FOUND US, THE COPS MAY FOLLOW!

SO WE MAY NEED **LIVE HOSTAGES**. TIE THEM. I'LL PICK OFF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** AS THEY CLIMB THAT ROPE!

NOT IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!

LEANING AGAINST A POST, **CLARK** PRESSES HIS WEIGHT AGAINST IT, AND...

HEY-- IT MUSTA GOT LOOSE FROM THE VIBRATION OF THE MACHINERY!

WHILE OUTSIDE...

WHAT A BREAK! THAT MACHINE-GUNNER DISAPPEARED JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SHOOT! **CLARK** MUST BE ON THE JOB, BUT WE PICKED THE WRONG WINDOW FOR BREAKING IN. LET'S GET DOWN AND--

WE **ARE** GOING DOWN! THE ROPE'S BEEN CUT!

LUCKY WE PREPARED THESE SECONDARY **BATLINES!**

IT STILL WON'T BE EASY CLIMBING DOWN THIS SHEER WALL. ONE SLIP AND WE'LL FALL ON THOSE SPIKES!



**BATMAN--
LOOK!**
WE'RE ABOUT
TO BE CAUGHT
IN A CROSS-
FIRE! WHAT'LL
WE DO?

THIS IS
THE END OF
THE **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN!**



WHILE ABOVE... THAT POST SAVED
BATMAN AND **ROBIN**
FROM GETTING SHOT. AND
SO DID THAT EXTRA ROPE
AFTER WE CUT THE **BAT-
BOLO** LOOSE. BUT NOW
THEY'RE TRAPPED--BUT
GOOD!



..MY X-RAY VISION ALSO
REVEALS THERE'S A HOLLOW
SPACE BACK OF THIS WALL
THAT ALLOWS FOR
VENTILATION OF THE
ROOM BELOW. AND
NO ONE CAN SEE ME
BREAK LOOSE
THESE STONES AND
REACH THROUGH!

**THEN, MIGHTY
FINGERS ROUND
THE STONES
INTO PERFECT
SPHERES...**



...WHICH CAN CURVE
SHARPLY AS HE HURLS
THEM, GUIDING THEM
WITH HIS X-RAY VISION!



LOOK--THE
GUNS ARE
GONE! SOME-
THING STOPPED
THESE CROOKS
BETTER GET OUT
IN THE NICK
OF TIME!

IT MUST'VE BEEN
SUPERMAN. BUT
HOW HE DID IT
BEATS ME. WE'D
BETTER GET OUT
OF HERE FAST!

ACROSS THE OUTER WALL, A DIVE INTO THE MOAT, AND THEN...



WOW, THEY MUST'VE USED A CANNON!

WAIT A MINUTE. I'VE GOT AN IDEA, **ROBIN--!**

OLD FORTS LIKE THIS HAD AN UNDERGROUND PASSAGE CONNECTING THE OUTSIDE OF THE MOAT WITH A CHAMBER INSIDE!

WHY?



IN CASE OF A SIEGE, A MESSENGER COULD SLIP IN AND OUT WITHOUT HAVING TO EXPOSE HIMSELF TO THE ATTACKERS BY CLIMBING OVER THE WALL. IF WE CAN FIND THAT ENTRANCE, WE CAN REALLY SURPRISE THE FORT!



THIS HOLLOW TREE-- THAT'S GOT TO BE IT! THE CIRCLE IS SO PERFECT. IT MUST HAVE BEEN MADE BY MEN! LET'S HAVE A LOOK!



BUT INSIDE THE FORT...
LOOK! THE WIRE TO THE SECRET PASSAGE HAS BEEN TRIPPED! **BATMAN AND ROBIN** THINK THEY'RE GONNA SURPRISE **US!**

HEY-- NEVER MIND LOOKIN' FOR THEM! THEY'RE COMIN' STRAIGHT HERE!

AS SOON AS THEY STEP THROUGH THIS SECRET PANEL, WE'LL LET 'EM HAVE IT!

GREAT SCOTT! IF THERE WERE ONLY ANOTHER SECRET PASSAGE BEHIND ME. HM-- BUT WHY NOT??



SUDDENLY...

CLARK!

HE--HE'S FALLING
INTO THE WALL!

HUH? HEY--
GANG-- LOOK!

THEY'LL THINK THAT RING
I WAS TIED TO WAS THE
SECRET LEVER THAT
OPENED THE WALL TO
ANOTHER UNDERGROUND
PASSAGEWAY THEY DIDN'T
KNOW ABOUT. I'LL DIG
THE PASSAGE!

HE MUST'VE ACCIDENTALLY
FALLEN THROUGH AN
UNKNOWN PASSAGE.
AFTER HIM-- QUICK!
YOU OTHERS WATCH
FOR **BATMAN**!

IT WORKED!
BUT THIS SUDDEN
DROP WILL TRAP
THE ONES
PURSUING ME.
THEN, ANOTHER
PASSAGE TO
INTERCEPT
BATMAN
AND...

CLARK! YOU
BURROWED
THROUGH! BUT
WHAT ABOUT
YOUR IDENTITY?

SAFE ENOUGH-- IF YOU'VE
SOME PAPER AND INK IN
YOUR UTILITY BELT. AS
FOR THE REST-- LISTEN
CAREFULLY, BECAUSE I'D
BETTER NOT SHOW UP AS
SUPERMAN!

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...

WHEN YOU
LOOK FOR
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN**--
LOOK
UP!

BECAUSE
OVERLOOKING
US IS ONLY GETTING
YOU **DOWN**!

PRESENTLY, AS CLARK RELEASES THE
GUARD...

WATCH OUT, MR. KENT--
THE REST OF THE MOB
WILL BE COMING BACK
ANY MINUTE OUTA THE
PASSAGE YOU JUST
FELL INTO!

OH-- I DON'T THINK SO.
I WOULDN'T HAVE
AVOIDED THE UN-
EXPECTED TRAP IN
THERE EITHER, IF
BATMAN HADN'T
SHOWN ME HOW!

A LIKELY STORY! YOU COULDN'T HAVE FOUND THAT SECRET PASSAGE UNLESS **YOU** HAD X-RAY VISION TO SHOW YOU IT WAS THERE. IF THERE REALLY **WAS** A PASSAGE!

ER-- NO NEED TO MAKE CLARK A **SUPERMAN** TO EXPLAIN IT, MISS LANE!

LOOK AT THIS CASTLE'S OLD MAP THAT FELL INTO OUR HANDS, MARKING ALL THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGES! YOU'LL SEE HOW **WE** COULD'VE COME UP AND PULLED CLARK TO SAFETY TO LURE THE MOB INTO THIS TRAP OVER HERE!

SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!



BUT-BUT--CLARK--AREN'T YOU GOING TO UNTIE ME?

SURE, AFTER I PHONE THIS STORY IN TO THE PAPER! AFTER ALL, **YOU** WEREN'T ASSIGNED TO IT, AND **I** WAS. SO IT'S **MY** SCOOP!



DAYS LATER, IN **BATMAN AND ROBIN'S SECRET BATCAVE** IN GOTHAM CITY...

WHY--YOU'RE REASSEMBLING THAT WHOLE GUN-MAKING MACHINE FOR OUR TROPHY COLLECTION AS EASILY AS YOU DREW AND AGED THAT MAP OF THE LOST FORTRESS THAT KEPT LOIS FROM GUESSING YOUR IDENTITY!



LATER, AT THE **DAILY PLANET**...

BUT IF YOU SENT OUT THAT TELETYPE MESSAGE ABOUT THE JAILBREAK BY CUTTING INTO THE OUTSIDE LINE--WHY DIDN'T YOU RESCUE CLARK YOURSELF, **SUPERMAN**?

I COULDN'T! DO YOU REALIZE HOW BUSY I AM?



NOBODY DOES, **SUPERMAN**! BUT IT WAS LUCKY FOR CLARK AND LOIS THAT **BATMAN** COULD RESCUE THEM WHEN **YOU** COULDN'T!



THE END.

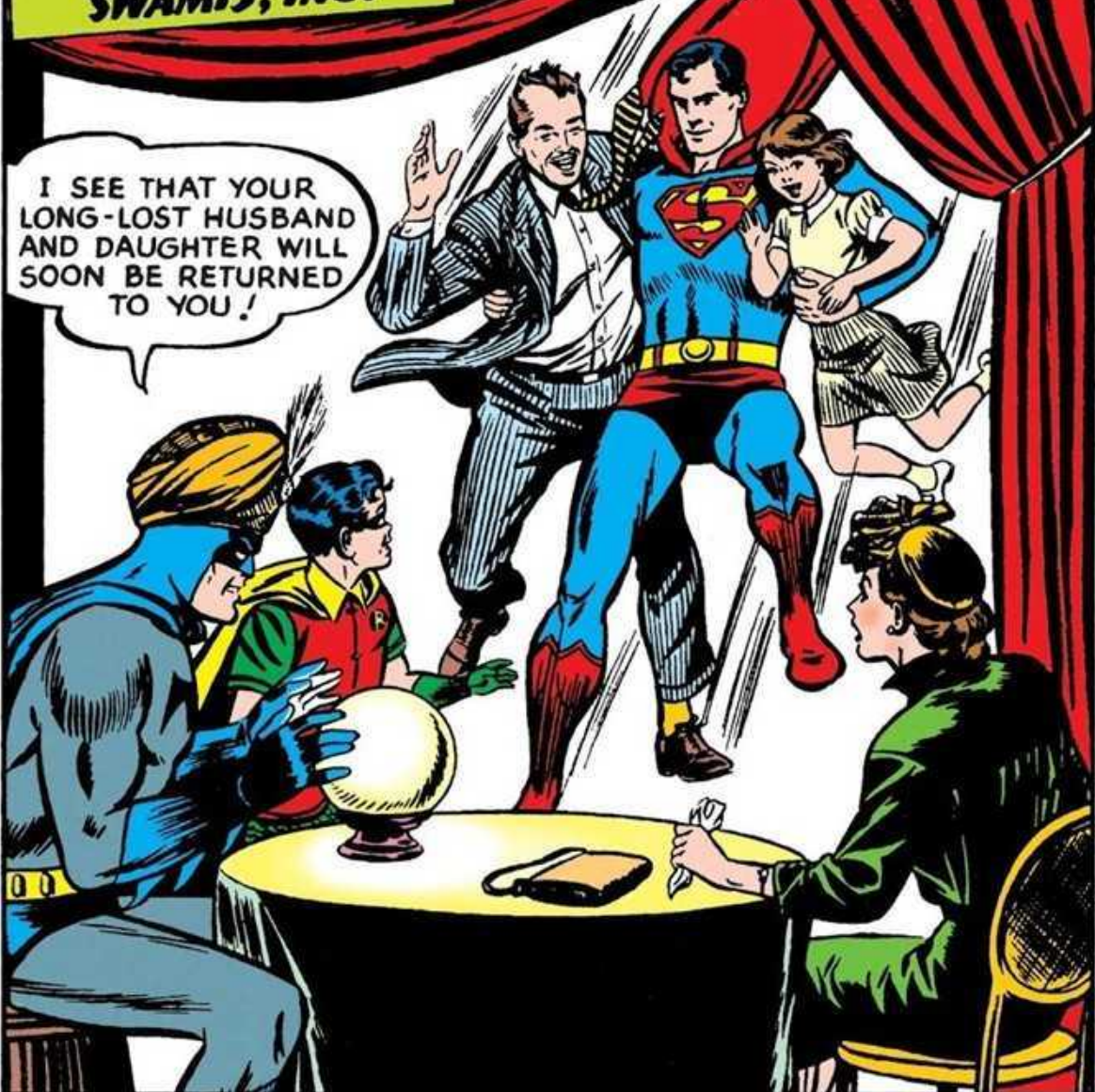


NOV.-DEC.
NO. 73

WORLD'S FINEST COMICS

Featuring
SUPERMAN and BATMAN
SWAMIS, INC.!"

I SEE THAT YOUR
LONG-LOST HUSBAND
AND DAUGHTER WILL
SOON BE RETURNED
TO YOU!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

HERE IS THE STRANGEST
BATTLE EVER WAGED-- A
BATTLE BETWEEN A SWAMI'S
MAGIC CRYSTAL AND AN ANCIENT
LUCKY SWORD! AND ONCE
MORE IT DRAWS TOGETHER
BATMAN AND SUPERMAN,
THAT TWIN NEMESIS OF
CRIME! FOLLOW THEM
ALONG THE MYSTERIOUS TRAIL
OF THE MAN BEHIND THE SWORD,
AND SEE HOW THE TRUTH IS
REVEALED AND VICTORY WON IN
THE MARVELOUS CRYSTAL OF...

**"BATMAN and
SUPERMAN,
SWAMIS INC."**



CARNIVAL TIME IN GOTHAM CITY BRINGS REPORTERS CLARK KENT AND LOIS LANE UP FROM METROPOLIS ON A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT...



COME ON, CLARK... LET'S LOOK INTO SOME OF THE BOOTHS! MAYBE THAT FORTUNE TELLER WILL MAKE A GOOD STORY!

HMPH-- NOTHING INTERESTING TO ME ABOUT SUCH FAKERY... BUT ALL RIGHT, LOIS-- IF YOU INSIST!

SHORTLY, INSIDE THE FORTUNE TELLER'S BOOTH...



AH-- THE VIBRATIONS ARE OUT OF HARMONY WITH THIS LADY PRESENT! YET THE CRYSTAL GLOWS WITH SOME MESSAGE FOR THIS MAN!

LISTEN TO HIM... WHAT AN ACT! MAYBE HE KNOWS HE CAN'T BAMBOOZLE ME!

BUT AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T WANT ME HERE--

MAYBE WE CAN COVER MORE GROUND BY SEPARATING! WE CAN COMBINE OUR NOTES WHEN WE GET BACK TO METROPOLIS!

ER--WELL... MAYBE THAT WOULD BE BETTER, LOIS!



BUT ONCE LOIS LEAVES...



YOU SEEK TO EXPOSE ME, SIR--YET THE CRYSTAL EXPOSES YOU! YES-- YOUR REPORTER'S GARB DOES NOT DECEIVE MY ALL-SEEING EYE! I KNOW WHO YOU **REALLY** ARE!

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

BEHIND THE IDENTITY OF CLARK KENT, THE REPORTER, I SEE, SUPERMAN!



GREAT SCOTT!

HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY KNOW THE TRUTH?

HA, HA... MYSTIFIED, AREN'T YOU? HA-HA WELL-- I WON'T KEEP YOU IN SUSPENSE ANY LONGER, **SUPERMAN!**



AND AS THE "SWAMI" REMOVES HIS FACE DISGUISE...

WHY-- WHY-- YOU'RE **BRUCE WAYNE!** NO WONDER YOU KNEW WHO I WAS! FOR A MOMENT, I WAS WORRIED! BUT--YOU'RE NOT PLAYING FORTUNE TELLER JUST FOR A PRACTICAL JOKE, ARE YOU?

ON THE CONTRARY, IT'S A SERIOUS MATTER, CLARK!

SO THE FAMED LAWYER, WHO KNOWS THE SECRET OF EACH OTHER'S IDENTITIES, CROSS PATHS ONCE MORE...

IT BEGAN LAST MONTH WHEN MY WARD, **PICK GRAYSON**, AND I WERE INSPECTING THE **WAYNE STEEL**

FOUNDRIES! THE EMPLOYEE PAYROLL HAD JUST BEEN DELIVERED TO THE PLANT WHEN WE NOTICED A COMMOTION DOWN AT THE OPEN HEARTH SECTION!

"TAKING COVER BEHIND SOME STEEL INGOTS, WE SWITCHED TO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** AND DASHED TOWARD THE DISTURBANCE..."

LOOK, **BATMAN**... THREE HOLDUP MEN TRYING TO MAKE A GETAWAY FROM THE PAYMASTER'S OFFICE!

I'LL SWING DOWN FIRST ON THE **SILKEN CORD**... THEN YOU FOLLOW TO COVER ME AGAINST ANY GUN-FIRE AT MY BACK!

"DOWN I WENT, SURPRISING THE THUG WITH THE CASH--BUT AS **ROBIN** FOLLOWED..."

GREAT SCOTT! THAT OTHER THUG SNAPPED **ROBIN'S** ROPE WITH AN **ANCIENT SWORD!**

"INSTINCT ALONE GUIDED ME IN THE SPLIT-SECOND LEAP TO SAVE **ROBIN** FROM THE FLAMES..."

UNFORTUNATELY, **ROBIN'S** DANGER GAVE THE BANDITS A CHANCE TO ESCAPE! BUT THAT **SCIMITAR** PUZZLED ME! WHAT AN ODD WEAPON FOR A BANDIT! WHAT DID IT MEAN?... WHAT KIND OF THUG WOULD CARRY SUCH AN ANCIENT WEAPON AROUND WITH HIM?... AND WHY?

MADE IT! LUCKY I DIDN'T DETACH MY ROPE, OR THIS LEAP WOULD SEND ME STRAIGHT INTO THE FLAMES MYSELF, INSTEAD OF SWINGING ME SAFELY PAST THEM!



"THE SITUATION GREW MORE PUZZLING ONLY TWO NIGHTS LATER, FOLLOWING A BANK ROBBERY IN GOTHAM CITY..."

THEY WON'T STOP! IT **MUST** BE THE GETAWAY LIMOUSINE

THEY'RE JUMPING THE CURB AND HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THAT LOAD OF HAY ON THE **GOTHAM RACE TRACK!**

WE JUST HEARD DESCRIBED ON THE POLICE RADIO!



"WE MANEUVERED THE FLEEING CAR TO A FORCED STOP IN THE HAY MOUND, AND..."

WORK FAST, **ROBIN!** WE DON'T WANT ANY OF THEM TO SLIP AWAY!

"**AS** WE PLUNGED IN AFTER THE CULPRITS, I NABBED TWO OF THEM... BUT **ROBIN** TURNED UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER YET!"

SPEAKING OF THE NEEDLE IN THE HAYSTACK, **BATMAN**, LOOK... THE **SCIMITAR**-- DROPPED BY THE THIRD MAN AS HE MANAGED TO SLIP AWAY INTO THE DARKNESS BEFORE I COULD NAB HIM!

LET ME SEE IT!

THE **CHINESE LUCKY SWORD**, EH? BAH!... **THE FANG** SAID ITS ANCIENT POWER WOULD KEEP US FROM GETTING CAUGHT! WHAT BUNK!

WELL-- IT WORKED FOR **HIM**, DIDN'T IT? HE GOT AWAY WITH THE **LOOT!**



APPARENTLY, THE SWORD WAS LIKE A SUPER-RABBIT'S FOOT TO THIS GANGSTER CALLED "**THE FANG**"! HE NEVER FELT SAFE WITHOUT IT... BUT THAT WAS ALL WE COULD GET OUR CAPTIVES TO TELL!

"**HOWEVER, SOME DAYS LATER, AT BREAKFAST...**"
DICK-- LISTEN TO THIS ITEM ABOUT A FASHIONABLE ASTROLOGER BEING BEATEN BY BANDITS BECAUSE HE'D GIVEN A FAKE LEAD TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF A LOST ANTIQUE SWORD!

WHY-- THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE WORK OF **THE FANG**, BRUCE!

WE LATER LEARNED, FROM THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE, THAT **THE FANG** IS A SERIOUS BELIEVER IN THE SUPERNATURAL, WHO'D BE QUITE LIKELY TO CONSULT A FORTUNE TELLER FOR HELP IN RECOVERING THIS LUCKY SWORD OF HIS!

AND YOU'RE HOPING HE'LL COME TO YOU, EH?



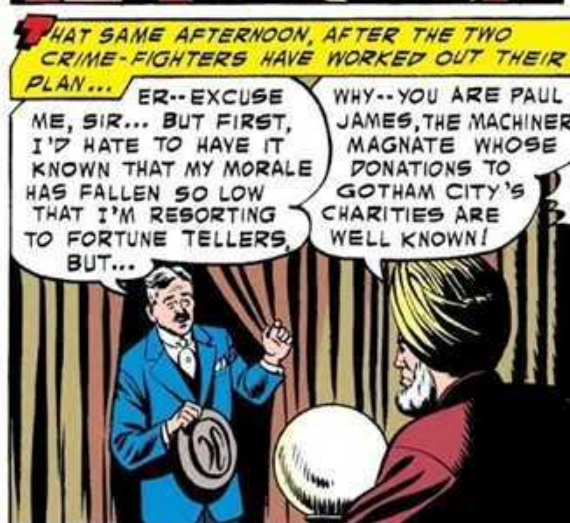


RIGHT! **ROBIN'S** BEEN BUSY PLANTING RUMORS OF MY CRYSTAL-GAZING TALENTS AROUND UNDERWORLD HAUNTS! BUT WITHOUT SENSATIONAL PUBLICITY, IT MAY TAKE WEEKS TO LURE THE MAN WE WANT... AND I CAN'T SPARE THE TIME!



THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT IF YOU-- **SUPERMAN**, THAT IS-- COULD MAKE SOME OF MY PREDICTIONS COME TRUE, SO THE WORD GETS AROUND...

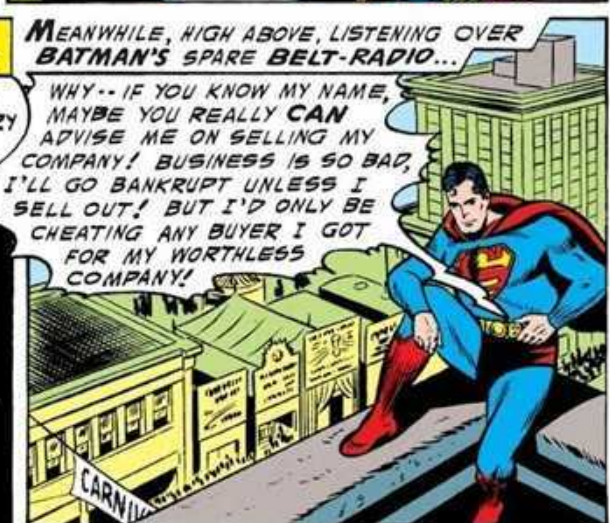
WELL-- **SUPERMAN'S** PRETTY BUSY, TOO... BUT I GUESS I CAN SPARE A COUPLE OF DAYS! HOW'LL WE WORK IT?



THAT SAME AFTERNOON, AFTER THE TWO CRIME-FIGHTERS HAVE WORKED OUT THEIR PLAN...

ER--EXCUSE ME, SIR... BUT FIRST, I'D HATE TO HAVE IT KNOWN THAT MY MORALE HAS FALLEN SO LOW THAT I'M RESORTING TO FORTUNE TELLERS, BUT...

WHY--YOU ARE PAUL JAMES, THE MACHINERY MAGNATE WHOSE DONATIONS TO GOTHAM CITY'S CHARITIES ARE WELL KNOWN!



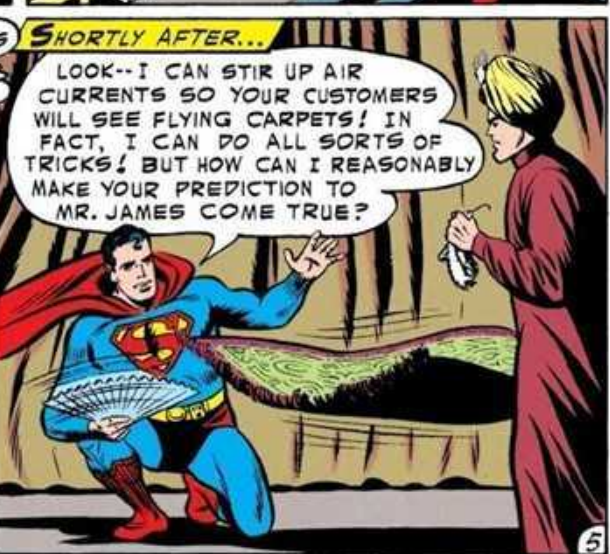
MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE, LISTENING OVER BATMAN'S SPARE BELT-RADIO...

WHY-- IF YOU KNOW MY NAME, MAYBE YOU REALLY CAN ADVISE ME ON SELLING MY COMPANY! BUSINESS IS SO BAD, I'LL GO BANKRUPT UNLESS I SELL OUT! BUT I'D ONLY BE CHEATING ANY BUYER I GOT FOR MY WORTHLESS COMPANY!



MY FRIEND-- DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF! DO NOT SELL! JUST WAIT! TOMORROW, YOUR WORTHLESS COMPANY WILL HAVE VALUE AGAIN!

HUH? IF BRUCE EXPECTS ME TO BRING THAT ABOUT, HE'D BETTER TELL ME HOW!



SHORTLY AFTER...

LOOK--I CAN STIR UP AIR CURRENTS SO YOUR CUSTOMERS WILL SEE FLYING CARPETS! IN FACT, I CAN DO ALL SORTS OF TRICKS! BUT HOW CAN I REASONABLY MAKE YOUR PREDICTION TO MR. JAMES COME TRUE?

WHY, **SUPERMAN**--
EVEN **ROBIN** COULD
HAVE FIGURED SOME-
THING OUT! JUST DIG
INTO YOUR BRAIN, OLD
PAL! OR--HAVE I
OVERESTIMATED
YOU?

I SEE... YOU'RE
REALLY MAKING A
CHALLENGE OUT OF
IT! ALL RIGHT,
BRUCE--YOU'RE
ON!

ONE HOUR LATER IN THE MOUNTAINS, NORTH OF
GOTHAM CITY... SO BRUCE IS TRYING TO GIVE
ME A WORKOUT WHILE I HELP HIM--
JUST TO MAKE THINGS INTERESTING!
WELL--HE ACCIDENTALLY GAVE ME AN
IDEA WHEN HE SAID "DIG"... ALTHOUGH
DIGGING FOR URANIUM ORE WASN'T
QUITE WHAT HE MEANT!



THAT NIGHT, AT A DIFFERENT SPOT...

AND THE FOLLOWING RAINY MORNING, AS
SUPERMAN FULFILLS ANOTHER PREDICTION...

IF BRUCE COULD SEE ME
FIRST DIGGING UP THIS ORE
AND THEN HEADING TO
ANOTHER SPOT AND
SINKING IT DOWN INTO
THE GROUND AGAIN,
HE'D THINK I WAS JUST
CRAZY! BUT WAIT TILL
HE HEARS FROM
MR. JAMES' MACHINE
CORPORATION TOMORROW!

BRUCE GAVE ME AN EASY
JOB THIS MORNING! HE TOLD
HIS FIRST CLIENT THAT HIS
ROOF WOULDN'T LEAK IN
SPITE OF THE RAIN--AND THESE
BLOWN LEAVES WILL CERTAINLY
PROTECT THE ROOF FOR
TODAY ANYWAY!



MEANWHILE, AS SWAMI ANANDA--ALIAS
BRUCE WAYNE--TAKES TIME OUT TO SCAN
THE MORNING PAPER...

JUST THEN...

WHY--HOW UNFORTUNATE!
BUT...ER...I'M SURE
I CAN SOLVE YOUR
PROBLEM!

"--UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OF A
GEIGER COUNTER DELIVERED
IN ERROR TO THE PLANT
DREW ATTENTION TO
THE DEPOSIT..."

OBVIOUSLY **SUPERMAN'S**
WORK! INGENIOUS,
TOO! MY REPUTATION
SHOULD SPREAD
THANKS TO THIS!

PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP ME,
SWAMI! YOU SEE--I'M A SINGER--
SCHEDULED TO MAKE MY CONCERT
DEBUT TONIGHT! BUT I'VE JUST
CAUGHT A TERRIBLE COLD AND--
AND... WELL, IT'LL RUIN MY
BIG CHANCE!

GOTHAM GAZETTE
URANIUM DISCOVERY
IMPLANT PROPERTY
SAVES MACHINE
CORPORATION FROM
BANKRUPTCY



AND AS BRUCE'S WORDS REACH **SUPERMAN'S** EARS... IN FACT, YOUNG LADY, MY ADVICE IS **NOT** TO CALL OFF YOUR CONCERT! DESPITE A HOARSE THROAT, YOUR CONCERT WILL SUCCEED! I GUARANTEE IT!



OH-OH... NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO MAKE A HOARSE THROAT SOUND LIKE A NIGHTINGALE!

BRUCE IS SURE GIVING ME A WORKOUT! THIS NEXT JOB ISN'T JUST TOUGH... IT'S **IMPOSSIBLE**, UNLESS-- HMM... THAT BILLBOARD... IF THERE WERE ONLY A WAY OF FILTERING HARSHNESS FROM A VOICE! BUT THAT'S ABSURD... OR IS IT?



MOMENTS LATER...



I CAN GET MOST OF THE PARTS I NEED BY USING SCRAP METAL AND WIRE FROM THIS JUNK YARD! THEN I CAN PROBABLY BORROW SOME TUBES FROM A RADIO PLANT!

SHORTLY AFTER, ON THE ROOF OF GOTHAM AUDITORIUM...



NOW, WHEN SHE STARTS SINGING, THIS MACHINE WILL SEND DOWN AN INVISIBLE ELECTRONIC CURTAIN BETWEEN HER AND THE AUDIENCE, FILTERING OUT ALL HARSHNESS, THE WAY A NOISE-SUPPRESSOR FILTERS SCRATCHES FROM A PHONOGRAPH RECORD!

AND SURE ENOUGH, THAT EVENING, AS REPORTERS INTERVIEW THE SINGER AFTER A SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE...

HOW DID YOU DO IT? WE HEARD A RUMOR THAT YOU HAD LARYNGITIS!



I STILL DO-- BUT LUCKILY, THE HARSHNESS SOMEHOW DIDN'T COME THROUGH THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR A CERTAIN **SWAMI ANANDA** ENCOURAGING ME...

ONE HOUR LATER, IN A SMALL ROOM OVER A WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE...

AND I HAPPENED TO HEAR HER TELL THESE REPORTERS THAT THIS SWAMI **PREDICTED** SHE'D SING ALL RIGHT-- LARYNGITIS AND ALL!

SWAMI ANANDA, EH? HMM... THERE'S TALK HE PREDICTED THE URANIUM FIND AT THE JAMES PLANT, TOO!



SOUNDS LIKE THIS SWAMI MIGHT BE THE REAL ARTICLE! HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO LOCATE THAT SWORD AGAIN... BUT **WITH-OUT** THE SWORD, I WOULDN'T FEEL SAFE GOING TO SEE HIM! LOOK, JEFF--WHY DON'T **YOU** GO?

I'M WILLING TO LOOK HIM OVER, BOSS-- BUT WHY IS IT SAFE FOR ME AND NOT FOR YOU?

BECAUSE THEY SAY **ROBIN'S** BEEN SEEN IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD-- AND BECAUSE MY LUCK IS GONE WITHOUT THAT SWORD! BUT **YOUR** HOROSCOPE HERE SAYS THIS IS A SAFE DAY FOR YOU--SEE?

WHILE BACK IN THE SWAMI'S BOOTH...

WELL--YOU'VE PUT IN TWO GOOD DAYS FOR ME, **SUPERMAN!** IF THE RESULTING PUBLICITY DOESN'T PRODUCE THE MAN I'M AFTER, I'LL BE SURPRISED! SO-- THANKS AGAIN! YOU CAN GET BACK TO METROPOLIS NOW, AND LEAVE THE REST TO **ROBIN** AND ME!

IN THAT CASE-- TILL WE MEET AGAIN, **BATMAN--** GOOD LUCK!

AND SOON AFTERWARD...

SO YOU'RE SWAMI ANANDA-- WHO'S SUPPOSED TO READ THE FUTURE, FIND MISSING PERSONS AND LOST ARTICLES, RIGHT?

WELL--I'M JUST CURIOUS, SEE? IF YOU'RE SO GOOD-- MAYBE YOU CAN TELL WHERE I LIVE, FOR EXAMPLE!

HE'S NOT THE MAN I WANT-- BUT HE COULD BE A SCOUT FOR HIM! I HOPE ROBIN DOESN'T FAIL ME NOW!

HMM... NASTY-LOOKING CHARACTER! THE FIRST LIKELY PROSPECT TODAY!

AT THAT MOMENT, BEHIND THE CURTAINS BACK OF THE BOOTH...

NEXT INSTANT...

HEY--YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT--WHAT'S THE REASON?

BRUCE TOLD ME TO GET SOME QUICK INFORMATION ABOUT ANY LIKELY SUSPECT I SAW COMING IN! THE CABBY WHO JUST BROUGHT THIS MAN TOLD ME WHERE HE CAME FROM! WITH THIS MIRROR, I'LL SIGNAL THE INFORMATION TO BRUCE!

AH--YOU'RE FROM OVER ON THE WEST SIDE! BUT WHY ASK ME TO WASTE MY POWERS ON SUCH FOOLISHNESS WHEN THE CRYSTAL TELLS ME YOU HAD A FAR MORE SERIOUS REASON FOR COMING HERE?

IT--IT'S HARD TO TELL, MY FRIEND! I SEE SOMETHING SHARP! YES... CURVED--SHARP! BUT THERE'S A CLOUD! IT IS NOT CLEAR BECAUSE--IT IS **SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM!**

SOUNDS LIKE THIS IS IT!

YEAH--YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT! THANKS, SWAMI... ER... I'LL PASS THE WORD!

I'LL GO TALK TO THIS CERTAIN PERSON RIGHT AWAY, SWAMI... MAYBE HE'LL BE WILLING TO COME SEE YOU HIMSELF!

IT'S UP TO ME TO FOLLOW HIM! NO OTHER CAB, SO I'LL HAVE TO RISK THIS!

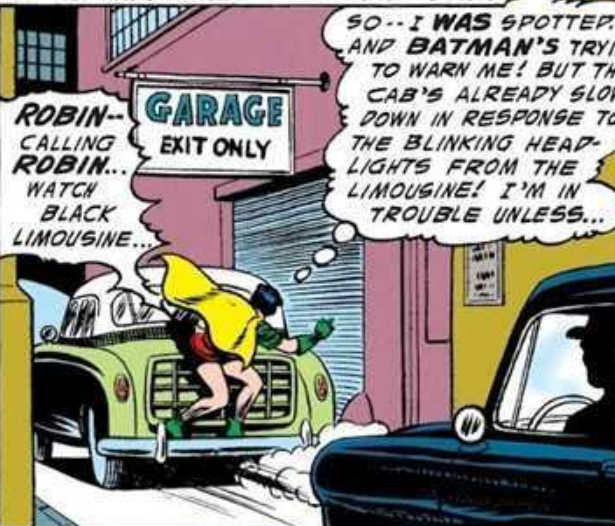
BUT--ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE BEYOND...

LOOK--JEFF'S BEING TAILED BY **ROBIN!** THE BOSS WAS SMART TO HAVE US KEEP AN EYE ON JEFF! THAT MEANS THE SWAMI IS WORKING FOR **BATMAN...** OR IS **BATMAN!** LET'S GO IN AND SURPRISE HIM!

NO--THERE'S A SURER WAY! I'M FOLLOWING THE CAB!

OH-OH... **ROBIN'S** FOLLOWING THAT CHARACTER BY HITCHING ON THE BACK OF THE CAB... BUT THAT BLACK LIMOUSINE IS PURSUING THE CAB, TOO! NO TIME TO GET TO **ROBIN**-- SO I'LL HAVE TO WARN HIM BY BELT-RADIO!

BUT AS THE WARNING COMES THROUGH, ROBIN IS ALREADY AWARE OF HIS DANGER...



**ROBIN--
CALLING
ROBIN...
WATCH
BLACK
LIMOUSINE...**

**GARAGE
EXIT ONLY**

SO-- I WAS SPOTTED...
AND BATMAN'S TRYING
TO WARN ME! BUT THE
CAB'S ALREADY SLOWING
DOWN IN RESPONSE TO
THE BLINKING HEAD-
LIGHTS FROM THE
LIMOUSINE! I'M IN
TROUBLE UNLESS...



MISSED! HE'S
LEAPING FOR THE
ROOF OF THIS CAR!
QUICK-- HIT THE
BRAKES HARD!
TRY TO THROW HIM
OFF BALANCE
BEFORE HE GETS
PAST US AND
ESCAPES THROUGH
THE ALLEY!

TIRES SHRIEK AS THE SEDAN COMES TO AN ABRUPT STOP, AND...



**GARAGE
EXIT ONLY**



WHILE AT THE SWAMI'S BOOTH...

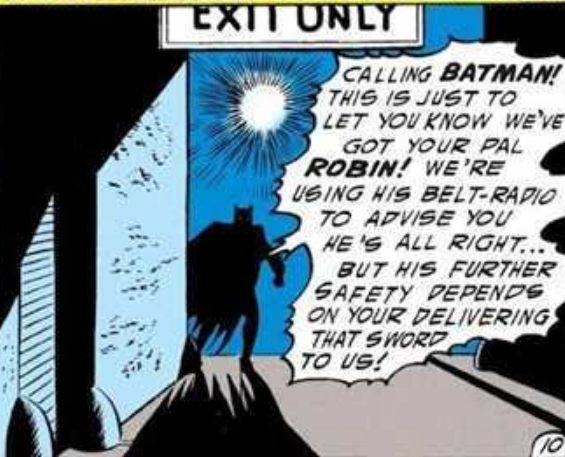
ROBIN! CALLING ROBIN!
WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER?
GOOD GRIEF-- THEY MUST
HAVE GOTTEN TO HIM
ALREADY! BUT THEY
COULDN'T HAVE GONE
MORE THAN A FEW
BLOCKS! MAYBE I
CAN STILL CATCH UP,
IF I MOVE FAST
ENOUGH!

A SPLIT SECOND AFTER DISCARDING HIS SWAMI DISGUISE, BATMAN RACES TO THE RESCUE...



THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO
GRAB ROBIN ON THIS BUSY
STREET-- AND THE NEXT
CORNER LEADS TO A NARROW
ALLEY! IF THE CAB TURNED
THERE, THAT WOULD BE THE
IDEAL PLACE FOR DIRTY
WORK!

BUT BATMAN ARRIVES TOO LATE--FOR AS HE GAZES HOPELESSLY DOWN THE EMPTY ALLEY...



EXIT ONLY

CALLING BATMAN!
THIS IS JUST TO
LET YOU KNOW WE'VE
GOT YOUR PAL
ROBIN! WE'RE
USING HIS BELT-RADIO
TO ADVISE YOU
HE'S ALL RIGHT...
BUT HIS FURTHER
SAFETY DEPENDS
ON YOUR DELIVERING
THAT SWORD
TO US!

AND IN THE GANG HIDEOUT, ONLY A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

IF YOU'LL GIVE YOUR WORD TO COME ALONE AND BRING THE SWORD-- YOU CAN SAVE **ROBIN!** WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER?

YOU CAN TRUST MY WORD-- BUT I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY CHANCES ON YOURS! I HAVE NO CHOICE... GIVE ME THE ADDRESS...

D DOES **BATMAN** REALLY MEAN TO GIVE IN WITHOUT A STRUGGLE? IT LOOKS THAT WAY AS, ONE HOUR LATER...

TO THINK THAT **SUPERMAN** LEFT ONLY MINUTES BEFORE THIS WHOLE THING HAPPENED! WHAT'S MORE, I'VE LITTLE ASSURANCE OF SAVING EITHER MYSELF OR **ROBIN!** STILL, THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT PLAY THE GAME THE WAY **ROBIN'S** CAPTORS WANT IT!

SHIPPING RECEIVING
WHITE HOUSE
WASH. D.C.

ABRUPTLY...

WELCOME, **BATMAN!** YOU'VE NO IDEA WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO SEE YOU!

AND WHEN THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER ARRIVES...

IF YOU'D KNOWN THE HISTORY OF MY PRECIOUS SWORD, **BATMAN**-- AND ANY REAL SWAMI WOULD HAVE KNOWN IT-- YOU'D NEVER HAVE BEEN CAUGHT LIKE THIS!

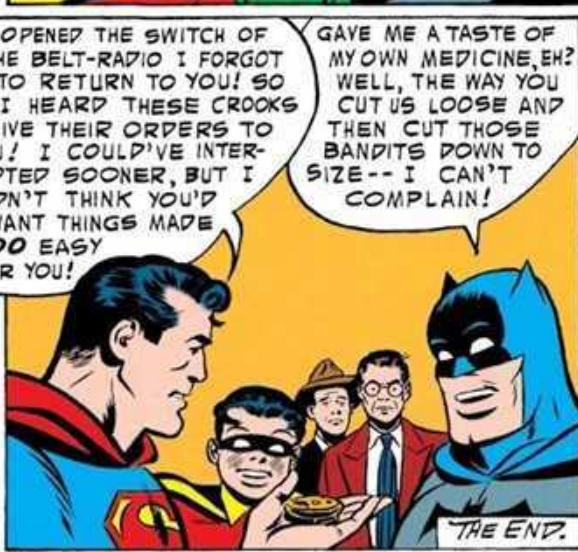
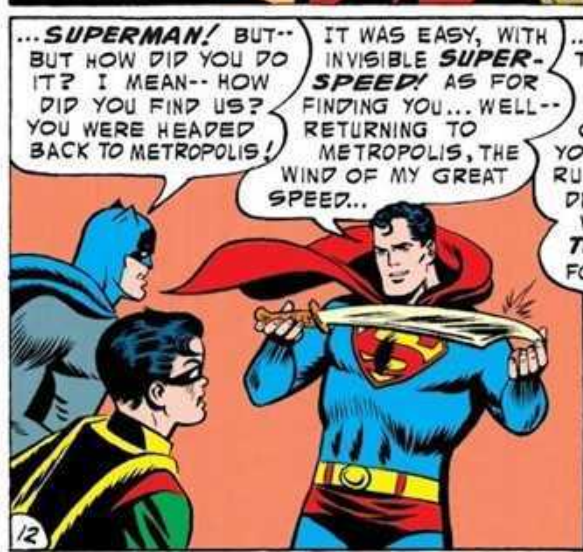
BATMAN'S UP TO SOMETHING... HE'S LOOSENING HIS BONDS... BUT WITH WHAT?

OH-HH

IT WAS FORGED 1,000 YEARS AGO IN THE ANCIENT EAST-- AND BRINGS LUCK AND SUCCESS TO WHOEVER USES IT! EVEN YOU COULD'VE USED IT, IF YOU'D KNOWN THAT!

BUT NOW-- I SHALL USE IT, AND HAVE THE PLEASURE OF DESTROYING MY WORST ENEMIES!

OH-OH... I'LL NEVER GAIN TIME ENOUGH TO CUT MY BONDS WITH THIS SHARP GLASS I GLUED TO MY FINGER-NAIL BEFORE COMING HERE!

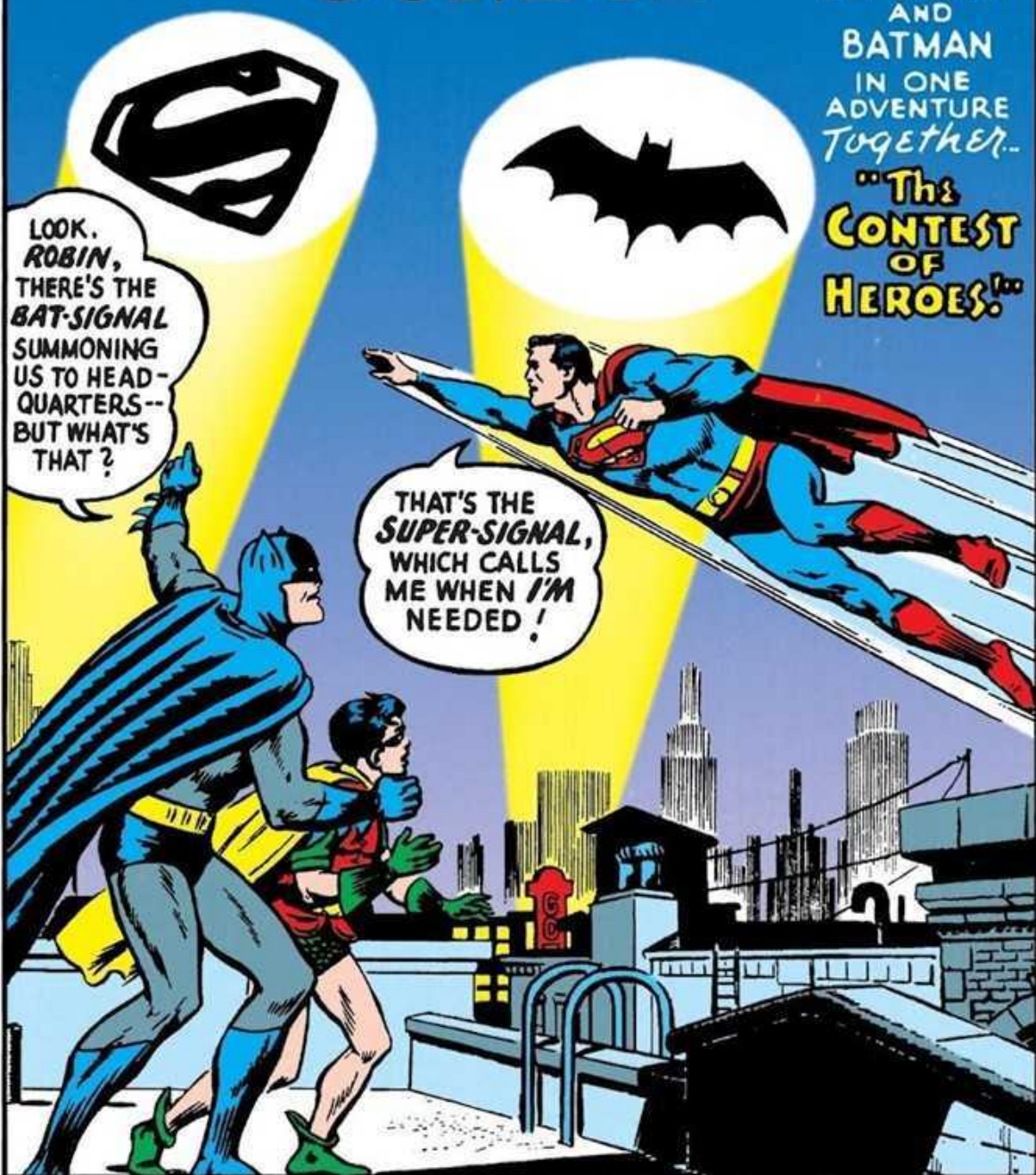


WORLD'S FINEST COMICS

Featuring
SUPERMAN
AND
BATMAN
IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together...
"The
CONTEST
OF
HEROES!"

LOOK,
ROBIN,
THERE'S THE
BAT-SIGNAL
SUMMONING
US TO HEAD-
QUARTERS--
BUT WHAT'S
THAT?

THAT'S THE
SUPER-SIGNAL,
WHICH CALLS
ME WHEN I'M
NEEDED!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

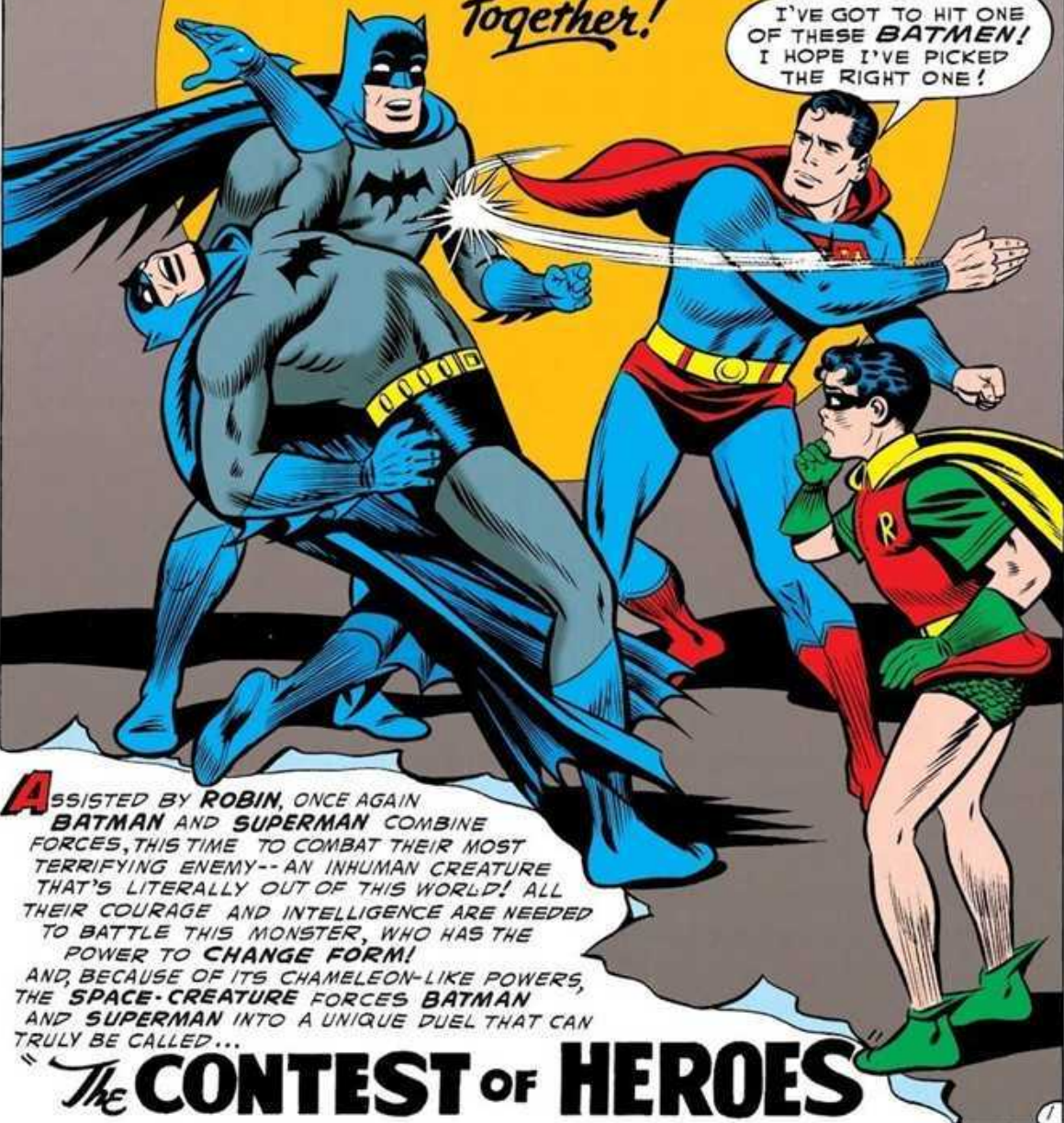
SUPERMAN
© 1966 D. C. COMICS, INC.

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

I'VE GOT TO HIT ONE
OF THESE *BATMEN*!
I HOPE I'VE PICKED
THE RIGHT ONE!



ASSISTED BY **ROBIN**, ONCE AGAIN
BATMAN AND **SUPERMAN** COMBINE
FORCES, THIS TIME TO COMBAT THEIR MOST
TERRIFYING ENEMY-- AN INHUMAN CREATURE
THAT'S LITERALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD! ALL
THEIR COURAGE AND INTELLIGENCE ARE NEEDED
TO BATTLE THIS MONSTER, WHO HAS THE
POWER TO **CHANGE FORM**!
AND, BECAUSE OF ITS CHAMELEON-LIKE POWERS,
THE **SPACE-CREATURE** FORCES **BATMAN**
AND **SUPERMAN** INTO A UNIQUE DUEL THAT CAN
TRULY BE CALLED...

"The **CONTEST OF HEROES**



UP...UP RUSHES THE ROCKET-- AND SOME-- WHERE IN FREE SPACE, IT BRUSHES AN ASTEROID POPULATED BY AN ALIEN LIFE-FORM...



WHAT DID YOU SAY, LOIS?

I... EEK!
THERE ARE
TWO OF
YOU!

SENSING THE PANIC HE HAS CAUSED, THE CREATURE SWIFTLY UNDERGOES ANOTHER STARTLING CHANGE...

DISGUISED AS ONE OF THESE SOLDIER-MEN, I CAN SLIP AWAY UNNOTICED!

HE CHANGED HIS FORM, DIDN'T YOU SEE? ONLY NOW I CAN'T SPOT HIM AMONG ALL THOSE OTHER SOLDIERS!

HMM... APPARENTLY, THE CREATURE CAN SHAPE ITS PROTOPLASM INTO ANY SHAPE IT CHOOSES! THIS IS INCREDIBLE, LOIS!

LATER, AN EMERGENCY TELEVISION BROADCAST IS BEAMED THROUGHOUT THE CITY...

THIS IS AN EYE-WITNESS DRAWING OF THE SPACE CREATURE!

HE--HE MIGHT BE ONE OF US... RIGHT HERE IN THE CROWD! HE CAN CHANGE SHAPE, THEY SAY! I'M GETTIN' OUT O' HERE!

AS PANIC FLARES LIKE WILDFIRE, CLARK KENT SECRETLY MAKES HIS OWN TRANSFORMATION--TO SUPERMAN...

THE MOB HYSTERIA IS SPREADING! AN ORDINARY WARNING WON'T HELP! I'VE GOT TO SHOCK THEM TO SANITY WITH A SPECIAL TYPE OF TV PROGRAM!

SPEEDING TO A NEARBY BEACH, THE MAN OF STEEL PROCEEDS TO PULVERIZE THE SAND WITH ALL THE FORCES OF HIS SUPER-STRENGTH...

SAND CONTAINS SILICON WHICH SUPER-FRICTION AND SUPER-PRESSURE CONVERT INTO SUPER MOLTEN GLASS...

...WHICH I CAN BLOW INTO A GIANT TV TUBE!

SOON, AN ENTIRE CITY LOOKS UP TO SEE A COLOSSAL SUPERMAN ON THE THOUSAND-FOOT TV SCREEN HE HAS CONSTRUCTED...

MEANWHILE, IN THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



LATER, AS GUARDS IN THE CITY'S MUSEUM MAKE THEIR ROUNDS...



AND AS THE DYNAMIC DUO BURSTS IN...







ON MY WORLD WE HAVE ROBBERERS, TOO-- BUT NO CRIME-FIGHTER LIKE YOU! YOU ARE BRAVE MAN, **BATMAN!**

IT'S CHANGING AGAIN! TO SOMEONE FAMILIAR!



NOW-- MUST EXPLORE PRETTY LIGHTS! I WANT TO **KRLLG!**

WAIT--

KRLLG? I WONDER WHAT IT MEANS?



LATER, AS BATMAN EXPLAINS TO SUPERMAN...

THE SPACE-CREATURE RESCUED ME FROM CRIMINALS! IT'S NOT AN ENEMY--IT'S A FRIEND!

IT COULD BE A GOOD-- WILL AMBASSADOR FROM ANOTHER WORLD! I'LL FIND THE SPACE-CREATURE AND BRING IT TO WASHINGTON!



IT'S CHANGED TO ME! BUT... WHY?

BECAUSE YOU ARE A HERO! I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU-- BE YOUR FRIEND! I WANT TO **KRLLG** AS YOU DO!



UNTIL NOW THE WORLD HAS ONLY SEEN THE BAT-SIGNAL... BUT THIS NIGHT, ANOTHER SYMBOL ILLUMINES THE SKY--THE SUPER-SIGNAL!

THE EMERGENCY SIGNAL **BATMAN** AND I AGREED ON IN CASE OF A CRISIS!

LOOK! THEY'RE CALLING **SUPERMAN!**



BUT IN SEARCH OF THE ALIEN VISITOR, SUPERMAN COMES UPON A STARTLING SIGHT...

GREAT SCOTT! THERE IT IS-- STILL AS "**BATMAN**"-- AND IT'S PUSHING OVER THE **STATUE OF LIBERTY** WITH A FORCE BEAM!





THERE! HE WILL GO CATCH IT, AND I WILL BE ABLE TO HIDE AND TAKE A NAP SOMEWHERE!

GOT TO CATCH THAT GAS STORAGE TANK BEFORE IT DROPS--OR IT MIGHT EXPLODE!

THUS, AFTER DIVERTING SUPERMAN, THE SPACE-CREATURE CHANGES INTO CAMOUFLAGING FORM...



NOW I CAN NAP! SO SLEEPY...

LATER, AFTER A FRUITLESS SEARCH, SUPERMAN VISITS THE SUBTERRANEAN BAT-CAVE...



BUT, SUPERMAN-- IT RESCUED ME! I'M SURE IT WANTS TO BE FRIENDLY!

FRIENDLY? YOU SAY THAT AFTER ALL THE DAMAGE IT'S DONE?

I WONDER WHY IT ACTS THE WAY IT DOES? IT'S CERTAINLY A MYSTERY!

ROBIN, WE'VE SOLVED MYSTERIES BEFORE! LET'S GET TO WORK AND SOLVE THIS ONE! FIRST, LET'S EXAMINE ALL THE CLUES!



FINALLY, AFTER HOURS OF CAREFUL STUDY...



I'VE GOT IT! WE'VE ASSUMED, BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE, THAT THE SPACE-CREATURE IS AN ADULT! ACTUALLY, IT'S A CHILD!



IT DOESN'T MEAN ANY HARM, BUT IT'S LIKE A MISCHIEVOUS KID LET LOOSE IN A PLAYGROUND! THAT'S WHAT IT THINKS OF OUR CITY-- A GIGANTIC PLAYGROUND!



IN HIS LANGUAGE, "**KRLLG**" OBVIOUSLY MEANS TO "**PLAY**... AND LIKE ANY KID, HE LIKES TO PLAY AT **WRESTLING**... JUST AS HE PLAYED **COPS AND ROBBERS** WITH ME!

OF COURSE! AND HE CHANGED TO "**BATMAN**" AND "**SUPERMAN**" BECAUSE OF CHILDISH HERO WORSHIP!



BUT THAT "**KID**" IS GETTING OUT OF HAND-- AND HE CAN'T BE **SPANKED!**

I KNOW! THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO USE **CHILD PSYCHOLOGY** ON HIM! HERE'S MY IDEA, **SUPERMAN**...



LATER, AS THE SPACE-CREATURE AWAKENS FROM HIS NAP, READY FOR MORE MISCHIEF, THE FAMED **BAT-PLANE** VEERS TOWARD HIM, AND...

HI! I THOUGHT WE MIGHT **KRLLG** A GAME OF "**TAG**"!

OH! THAT WILL BE FUN!



SO FAR, SO GOOD! I WONDER HOW **SUPERMAN** IS DOING?

TAG! YOU ARE "**IT**"! NOW YOU TRY TO TAG ME WITH A WING!



AT THIS VERY MOMENT, FROM THE ARMY'S ROCKET-CHART, **SUPERMAN** SUCCEEDS IN TRACKING DOWN THE SPACE-CREATURE'S ASTEROID-WORLD...

BATMAN'S THEORY WAS RIGHT! THE SPACE CREATURE IS ONLY A CHILD! THE ADULTS ARE OVER TEN FEET TALL!



THE MAN OF TOMORROW PUTS HIS HERCULEAN STRENGTH TO WORK, AMASSING SPACE DRIFT-- WANDERING METEORS AND AIRLESS ASTEROIDS...

WHAT IS THE PLAN OF **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN**? CAN YOU GUESS?

MEANWHILE, LIKE ANY CHILD, THE SPACE-CREATURE GROWS BORED WITH PLAYING ONE GAME OVER AND OVER...



RATHER **KRLLG** WITH TRAINS NOW!

UH-OH! HIS WAY OF PLAYING WITH TRAINS WOULD MEAN TRAIN WRECKS! WHERE IS **SUPERMAN**?

AND SURE ENOUGH, AS **BATMAN** ANTICIPATED, THE SPACE ORPHAN STARTS TO LONG FOR FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS, AS HE BECOMES **HOMESICK!**

I WANT TO SEE MY PARENTS AGAIN... I WANT TO GO HOME!

SURE THING, FELLA! I'LL TAKE YOU THERE MYSELF!



AH-- I HAVE THE ANSWER! I KNOW WHAT I SHALL DO!

WHICH ONE DID HE CHOOSE?... **SUPERMAN-- OR BATMAN?**



ABRUPTLY, **SUPERMAN** APPEARS, TOWING A PERFECT REPLICA OF THE BEAST'S WORLD THAT HE HAS MOLDED FROM SPACE DRIFT...

HELLO! I MADE A LITTLE PRESENT FOR YOU!

WHY--IT IS A MODEL OF MY WORLD!



BUT ON HIS LEAVE-TAKING, THE CREATURE HESITATES...

I WISH TO GO HOME IN THE SHAPE OF YOU SO I CAN FIGHT CRIME, TOO! BUT YOU ARE BOTH SO BRAVE... I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE I SHALL BE!



DAYS LATER COMES THE ANSWER... FOR ON A FAR-AWAY ASTEROID, THE PERFECT CRIME-FIGHTER APPEARS-- A FIGURE COMBINING THE BEST OF EARTH'S TWO GREATEST CHAMPIONS!

DROP THOSE ELECTRO-BLASTERS AND SURRENDER!

YI-I-I! IT IS **SUPER-BATMAN!**



THE END.



MAR.-APR.
NO. 75

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE

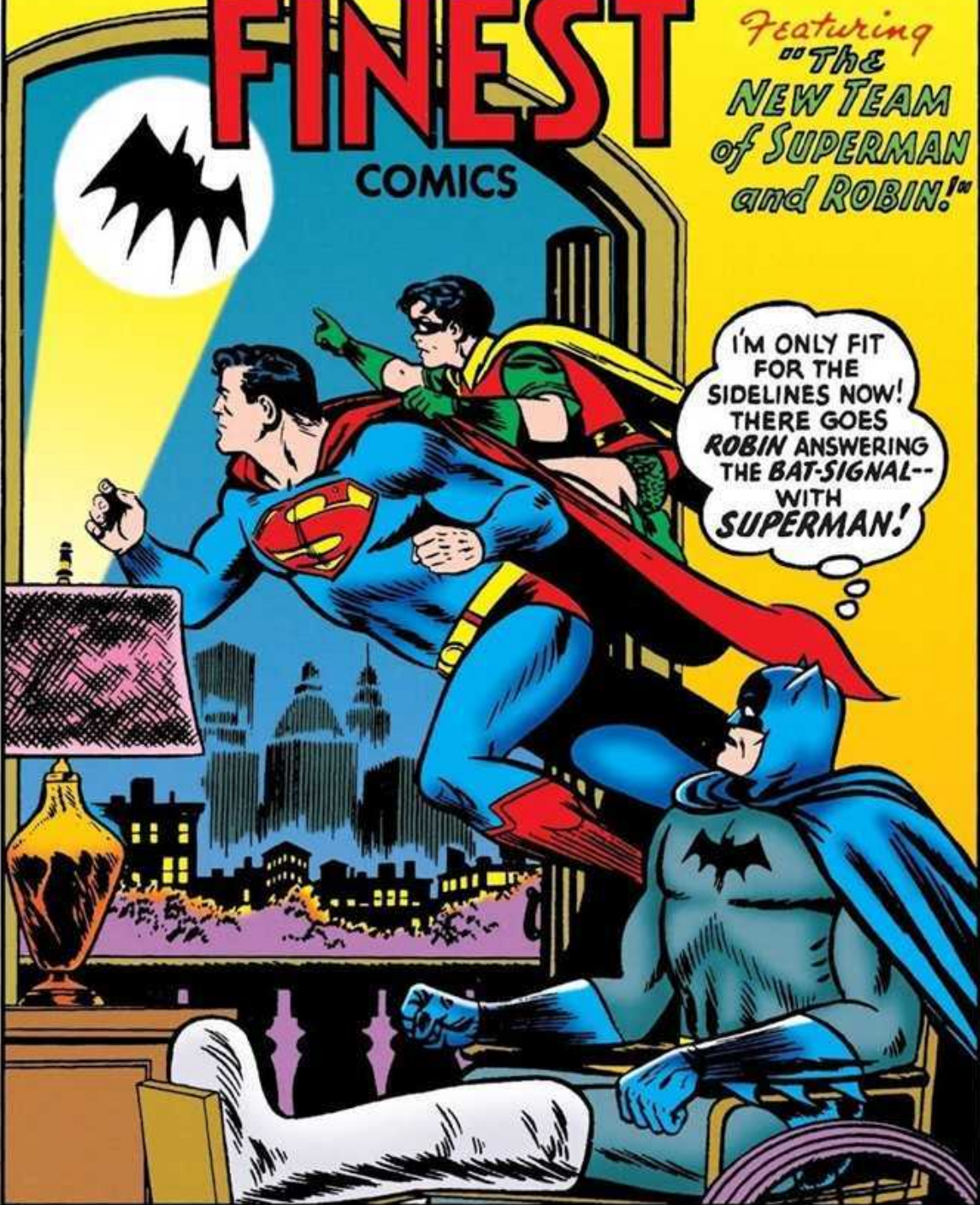


WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

*Featuring
"The
NEW TEAM
of SUPERMAN
and ROBIN!"*

I'M ONLY FIT
FOR THE
SIDELINES NOW!
THERE GOES
ROBIN ANSWERING
THE BAT-SIGNAL--
WITH
SUPERMAN!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

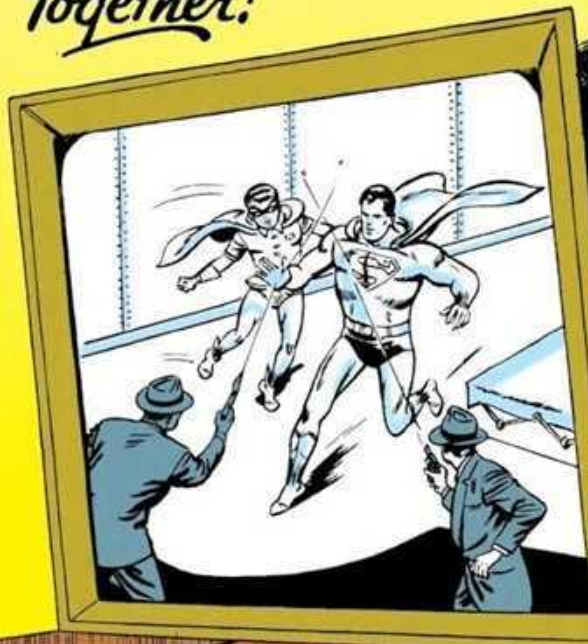
and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

BATMAN AND ROBIN... TWO NAMES THAT ARE ALWAYS PAIRED! THE WORLD KNOWS THEM AS THE GREATEST CRIME-BUSTING TEAM OF ALL TIME! **BATMAN AND ROBIN-- THE DYNAMIC DUO!** BUT SUDDENLY, AND INCREDIBLY, THE PARTNERSHIP IS SEVERED... AND ALL GOTHAM CITY LOOKS WITH AWE AT THE EXPLOITS OF A **NEW CRIME-SMASHING COMBINATION--THE AMAZING TEAM OF...**

SUPERMAN
~~**BATMAN**~~
AND
ROBIN!

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!



ROBIN! DUCK!
OH... GOOD!
SUPERMAN IS
BLOCKING THE
BULLETS!



ONE NIGHT, AS A FAMILIAR BUT AWESOME SKY SYMBOL FLASHES OVER GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK!
THE
BAT-SIGNAL!



YEAH--
THERE IT GOES
AGAIN! HEAD-
QUARTERS IS
CALLING
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN!**

AS USUAL, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON
AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF TWO FAMED CRIME-
FIGHTERS...

HELLO,
COMMISSIONER.
WHAT'S UP?

AN ARMORED CAR
VANISHED ON HIGHWAY
NINE! YOU AND
BATMAN BETTER GET
RIGHT ON IT, **ROBIN!**

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT, ALIGHTING BESIDE
THE BOY WONDER...

SUPERMAN!
I--I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!

I'M AFRAID
BATMAN WON'T
BE AROUND FOR
AWHILE! FROM
NOW ON, **ROBIN**
WILL BE
WORKING
WITH ME!

WHAT'S
THIS? HAS
THE FAMED
FIGHTING
TEAM OF
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN**
BROKEN UP?
OR HAS
BATMAN
PERHAPS
DECIDED TO
RETIRE?
FOR THE
STARTLING
ANSWER,
WE MUST
GO BACK
24
HOURS--

--TO THE MANSION OF SOCIALITE
BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG
WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

LOOK...THE
BAT-SIGNAL,
BRUCE! THE
PURPLE MASK
MOB MUST
BE OPERATING
AGAIN!

HURRY...
INTO YOUR
ROBIN
COSTUME,
PICK!

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, ON THE OUTSKIRTS
OF GOTHAM CITY...

A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE...

SOME
OF THE
PURPLE MASK
MOB!

AND THEY'RE
AFTER THE
PLATINUM THIS
RESEARCH LAB
USES IN ITS
EXPERIMENTS!

YI-I-I-I!
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN!**

ACCORDING TO
COMMISSIONER GORDON,
A PASSERBY SPOTTED
SOME MEN CLIMBING
THIS FIRE ESCAPE...

AMID THE TEST TUBES AND GIANT RETORTS,
A FIERCE BATTLE ENSUED...



SUDDENLY...

MAYBE THIS WILL
SLOW YOU UP,
BATMAN!

WHA...? COUGH THAT
POWDER! COUGH
CHOKING ME!
COUGH-COUGH



BATMAN!
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?
NEVER MIND ME!
COUGH-COUGH
WE'VE GOT TO
STOP THEM!
COUGH-COUGH



BUT AS BATMAN RUSHED TO THE FIRE
ESCAPE, HE HAD ANOTHER COUGHING FIT,
CAUSING HIM TO LOSE HIS BALANCE AND...

BATMAN! NO...NO!



FORTUNATELY, IT WAS ONLY A SHORT PLUNGE--
AND WHEN BATMAN RECOVERED CONSCIOUS-
NESS, SOME HOURS LATER...

SUPERMAN!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

I CAME ALONG RIGHT AFTER
YOU TOOK THAT NASTY FALL!
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU WEREN'T
KILLED! FEELING OKAY NOW?

I'M FINE,
BUT... MY LEG--
IT'S IN A CAST!

YES-- I
SET IT
MYSELF!
YOU BROKE
YOUR LEG IN
THAT FALL!





I'M AFRAID YOU'RE GOING TO BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A WHILE!

BUT I CAN'T-- NOT NOW... NOT WHILE THE **PURPLE MASK MOB** IS TERRORIZING GOTHAM CITY! AND **ROBIN** CAN'T HANDLE THEM ALONE!

HE WON'T BE ALONE! I'LL BE WITH HIM--AS YOUR STAND-IN!

BUT WHAT OF YOUR OTHER IDENTITY? AS **CLARK KENT**, REPORTER FOR THE **DAILY PLANET**, YOU WORK IN METROPOLIS...A DIFFERENT CITY!



LUCKILY, **CLARK KENT**'S BEEN ASSIGNED TO GOTHAM CITY--TO COVER THE **PURPLE MASK MOB** OPERATIONS! I'LL BE WORKING ON THE **GOTHAM GAZETTE**, PART OF THE NEWS-PAPER CHAIN THAT OWNS THE **DAILY PLANET**!

MATTER OF FACT, I'LL GET **DICK GRAYSON** A JOB AS COPY BOY ON THE PAPER, SO WE'LL BE NEAR EACH OTHER IN CASE SOME BIG CRIME POPS!

FROM "**BOY WONDER**" TO COPY BOY! SOUNDS SWELL!

MEANWHILE, YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY UNDERCOVER, **BATMAN**! IF IT'S KNOWN THAT BOTH YOU AND **BRUCE WAYNE** HAVE BROKEN LEGS, PEOPLE MIGHT CONNECT THE CO-INCIDENCE!

YES, IT COULD EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY--SO I'LL HAVE **DICK** TELL EVERYONE THAT **BRUCE** HAS GONE AWAY... ON A VACATION!



HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

AND THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AS AN ARMORED TRUCK ROLLED ALONG A LONELY HIGHWAY...

THE ROAD'S CAVED IN! WE'RE FALLING!

BUT THIS WAS FAR FROM A SIMPLE "CAVE-IN"...

HA, HA... THE BOSS SURE PLANNED THINGS! THE TRUCK'S DROPPIN' RIGHT INTO OUR LAPS!

YEAH! IT TOOK A LOT OF TROUBLE TO FIX THE HIGHWAY RIGHT ABOVE THIS ABANDONED SUBWAY-- BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!

NEXT MOMENT, THE HINGED SECTION OF HIGHWAY SWUNG UP AGAIN, COVERING ANY EVIDENCE OF BANDITRY BELOW!



AND AS THE CALL TO ACTION CAME FROM COMMISSIONER GORDON...

THERE HE GOES... FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE'VE BEEN A TEAM, **ROBIN** IS ANSWERING THE **BAT-SIGNAL** WITH ANOTHER CRIME-FIGHTER!



THUS, AS SUPERMAN AND ROBIN NOW SCAN THE ARMORED CAR'S ROUTE TOGETHER...

THERE IT IS... ON THAT ABANDONED SUBWAY TRACK BELOW! SEE IT, **ROBIN**?

MAYBE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, **SUPERMAN**-- BUT I DON'T HAVE **X-RAY VISION**!



WELL-WELL! LOOK WHAT'S WRIGGLING BELOW?



POULP! **SUPERMAN?** WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE IN GOTHAM CITY?

FRANTICALLY, THE BANDITS DASH FOR THEIR GETAWAY VEHICLE...

IF **BATMAN** WERE HERE, HE'D USE HIS SILKEN ROPE TO LASSO THOSE GUNMEN RIGHT OFF THAT CAR!

THAT'S FINE FOR **BATMAN**...



... BUT BEING A **SUPERMAN** ALLOWS ME TO HANDLE THINGS DIFFERENTLY!

WOW! YOU HANDLED THOSE STEEL RAILS LIKE THEY WERE ROPES!



GOT THESE TIED UP IN A SURPRISE PACKAGE FOR HEADQUARTERS!

HMM... FOR A YOUNG FELLOW, YOU'VE GOT QUITE A WALLOP, **ROBIN!**

THANKS, **SUPERMAN!**



LATER, WHEN THE NEW FIGHTING TEAM RETURNS TO THE **BAT-CAVE** AFTER ITS FIRST TRIUMPH...

SURE, WE JAILED THEM--BUT THEY WON'T TALK! IF ONLY WE HAD A CLUE TO WHERE THE REST OF THE MOB IS HIDING OUT!

YOU'LL FIND THEM, **SUPERMAN**! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING!

HMM...



GOSH, YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HOW **SUPERMAN** STOPPED THOSE CROOKS, **BATMAN**... HE'S TERRIFIC! AND GOLLY-- IS IT EXCITING FLYING THROUGH THE SKY WITH HIM!

Y-YES... IT MUST HAVE BEEN A NEW KIND OF EXPERIENCE FOR YOU!

AFTER WORKING WITH **SUPERMAN**, I WONDER IF **ROBIN** WILL FIND IT DULL WORKING WITH ME AGAIN? AFTER ALL, I DON'T HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS!



WELL... I'D BETTER MAKE ROOM HERE FOR TROPHIES OF ADVENTURES BY **SUPERMAN** AND **ROBIN**! I'D BEEN MEANING TO... ER... TOSS OUT SOME OF THESE OLD DUST COLLECTORS ANYHOW!



NOW THIS STAND COULD HOLD A SMALL TROPHY... LIKE A **WRIST-WATCH!** THAT'S IT... THE NEXT TIME YOU CAPTURE A **PURPLE MASK** BANDIT, BRING HIS WRIST-WATCH AS A TROPHY! REMEMBER!

UH...OKAY... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, **BATMAN!**

WHAT--?

NEXT DAY, REPORTER CLARK KENT AND COPY BOY DICK GRAYSON LEARN THEIR OTHER IDENTITIES HAVE MADE HEADLINES...

CLARK, THE WHOLE TOWN'S WONDERING WHY **SUPERMAN** IS TEAMED WITH **ROBIN!** IT'S NEWS-- AND WE HAVEN'T A STORY ON IT! DO YOU THINK **BATMAN'S** RETIRED?

NOT A CHANCE. **BATMAN** WILL NEVER RETIRE!



AND THAT AFTERNOON, AS A LUXURY LINER PULLS INTO GOTHAM CITY'S HARBOR...

THEN, DURING THE CONFUSION THAT FOLLOWS...



BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

IF YOU EXPECT TO ROB THE SHIP'S PURSER, FORGET IT!

YOU SHOULD'VE REALIZED... MY **SUPER-HEARING** CAN PICK UP EXPLOSIONS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, A PASSING TV CAMERA TRUCK IS NEARBY TO RECORD THE SPECTACULAR FRACAS...

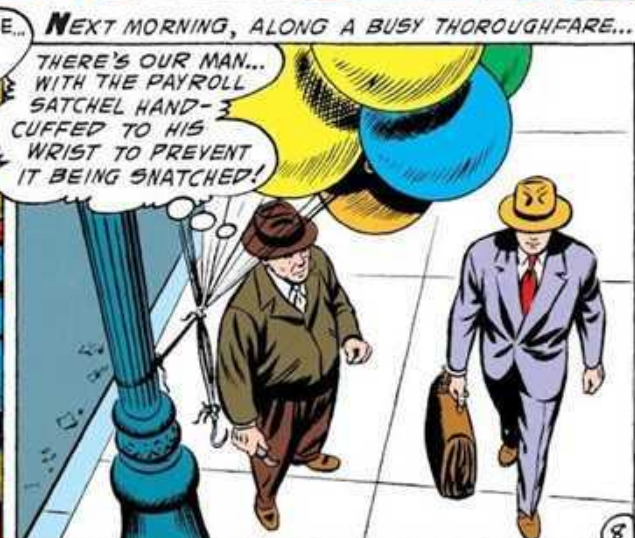
KNOCK OFF ROBIN! THAT'LL SLOW UP SUPERMAN!

ROBIN! DUCK! OH...GOOD! SUPERMAN BLOCKED THE BULLETS WITH HIS OWN BODY!





WITHIN MINUTES, AS THE BATTLE REACHES ITS INEVITABLE CONCLUSION...



ABRUPTLY, THE DISGUISED VENDOR CLAMPS HIS BUNCHED BALLOONS TO THE ASTONISHED PASSERBY, SO THAT...



UP, UP, HE RISES, WHERE BANDITS IN A BLIMP ARE READY AND WAITING...



BUT THEIR INGENIOUS SKY-ROBBERY HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGHTED BY SUPERMAN'S AMAZING TELESCOPIC VISION...



UNOBSERVED ON THE GOTHAM GAZETTE ROOFTOP, THEY BECOME THE FIGHTING DUO...



AND AFTER
LANDING
THE BLIMP...

GOLLY! BATMAN WANTS
A TROPHY--AND SUPERMAN
CERTAINLY DELIVERS! HE
KNOCKED THAT CROOK
RIGHT OUT OF HIS
SHOES!

AFTERWARD...

THERE'S THE
TROPHY YOU
ORDERED --
ALTHOUGH I
DON'T SEE
WHY...

IT'S JUST
WHAT I WANT,
SUPERMAN!
IT WILL LOOK
FINE IN
THE CASE..
A NEW
**SUPERMAN-
ROBIN**
TROPHY!

THAT FOLLOWING NIGHT, AFTER A CEASELESS
PATROL OF THE CITY, **ROBIN AND SUPERMAN**
RETURN, VERY MUCH DISSATISFIED...

IF ONLY WE
KNEW WHERE
THE REST OF
THE **PURPLE
MASK MOB**
WAS HIDING,
WE COULD
WRAP UP
THAT BUNCH
AT ONCE!

IF WE ONLY HAD SOME
CLUE--SOME LEAD...

IS THAT ALL THAT'S
BOtherING YOU? THE
GANG IS USING A DOG
KENNEL FOR A HIDEOUT...
AND IT'S LOCATED ON
THE SOUTH BANK OF
PINE HILL!

HUH?

THE DUST IN THAT
WRIST-WATCH SHOWED
MINUTE TRACES OF
VARIOUS KINDS OF
DOG HAIRS -- AND
THE SHOE HAD
TRACES OF RED
CLAY AND PINE
NEEDLES ... ALL
OF WHICH ADDS UP
TO THAT ONE PLACE!

SO THAT'S WHY
YOU WANTED
THOSE "TROPHIES",
TO ANALYZE THE
DUST FOR A
CLUE!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT,
ROBIN? HE SOLVES
OUR CASE FOR US...
AT HOME, IN A
WHEEL CHAIR!

AND SURE ENOUGH, THE SMASHING END SOON COMES TO THE HIDEOUT ON PINE HILL...

SUPERMAN AND ROBIN!

THE **PURPLE MASK MOB**, I PRESUME?



GULP! HOW'D YOU EVER FIND US?

I WAS TOLD-- BY A **SUPER-DETECTIVE!**



LATER, WITH THE CRIMINALS JAILED, THE FIGHTING TEAM RETURNS TO THE **BATCAVE...**

WELL, **BATMAN**... ENOUGH TIME HAS ELAPSED! IT'S SAFE TO REMOVE THE CAST ON YOUR LEG!

HEY! A BROKEN LEG CAN'T HEAL IN ONLY A FEW DAYS!



BUT THAT'S THE POINT, **BATMAN**-- YOUR LEG IS **NOT** BROKEN!

WHAT--? I--I DON'T GET IT!



"WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS, I CAME ALONG AND DETECTED THE POWDER IN YOUR LUNGS WITH MY **X-RAY VISION**..."

ROBIN, THAT POWDER IS A SLOW-ACTING **POISON**! IF **BATMAN** IS ABNORMALLY ACTIVE, SO THAT HIS RESISTANCE IS LOWERED, THAT POISON WILL KILL HIM!

G-GREAT SCOTT!

REMEMBER WHEN YOU FIRST TACKLED THE **PURPLE MASK MOB** AND YOU INHALED A POWDER THAT MADE YOU COUGH?

S-SURE... I REMEMBER!



BUT IF WE CAN KEEP **BATMAN** OUT OF ACTION FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, SO HE CAN REST, HE'LL ABSORB THE POISON WITHOUT HARM!

I'LL TELL **BATMAN** HE MUST GET REST... AT ONCE!

IT WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD! I KNOW **BATMAN** TOO WELL... HE'D IGNORE YOUR ADVICE! HE'LL SACRIFICE HIS LIFE IN ORDER TO KEEP THE **PURPLE MASK MOB** FROM TERRORIZING PEOPLE!

SO YOU SEE-- WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FAKE YOUR "BROKEN" LEG! IT WAS THE ONE SURE WAY TO KEEP YOU OUT OF ACTION! YOU'RE NOT ANGRY BECAUSE WE TRICKED YOU, ARE YOU?

ANGRY-- BECAUSE YOU SAVED MY LIFE? YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT, **SUPERMAN!**

WELL, **ROBIN**-- IT LOOKS LIKE OUR PARTNERSHIP IS OVER! IT WAS SWEET WORKING BESIDE YOU!

THE SAME GOES FOR ME, **SUPERMAN!** I'LL NEVER FORGET IT!

LATER, WHEN THEY ARE ALONE, **BATMAN** HESITATINGLY QUESTIONS **ROBIN**...

UH...WOULDN'T YOU RATHER BE WORKING AS A TEAM WITH **SUPERMAN** THAN WITH ME? IT MUST HAVE BEEN MORE EXCITING FOR YOU!

OH, IT WAS FUN FOR AWHILE-- A NEW NOVELTY...

...BUT IT ISN'T THE SAME AS WORKING WITH YOU, **BATMAN!** GOLLY, YOU TAUGHT ME ALL I KNOW... WE'LL ALWAYS BE A TEAM!

OF COURSE WE WILL! NOBODY WILL EVER SEE THE END OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!**

The END.



WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

NO. 76

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



AUTHORITY

SCORE OF EXPLOITS

SUPERMAN

4

BATMAN

4

Featuring
YOUR TWO FAVORITE
HEROES TOGETHER
IN ONE ADVENTURE...
"WHEN
GOTHAM CITY
CHALLENGED
METROPOLIS!"

BATMAN AND
ROBIN WIN ANOTHER
POINT FOR THAT STUNT--
BUT SUPERMAN IS
GETTING ONE, TOO, FOR
RESCUING THEM!

YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

CAN YOU IMAGINE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** MOVING TO **METROPOLIS**, WHILE **SUPERMAN** TAKES THEIR PLACE IN **GOTHAM CITY**? CAN YOU IMAGINE THE **MAN OF STEEL** AND THE **DYNAMIC DUO**, WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FAST FRIENDS, BECOMING **RIVALS**? INCREDIBLE AS IT SEEMS, THESE VERY THINGS HAPPEN, AND A SENSATIONAL DRAMA SPRINGS FROM THE MIGHTY CONTEST BETWEEN **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** THAT BEGAN...

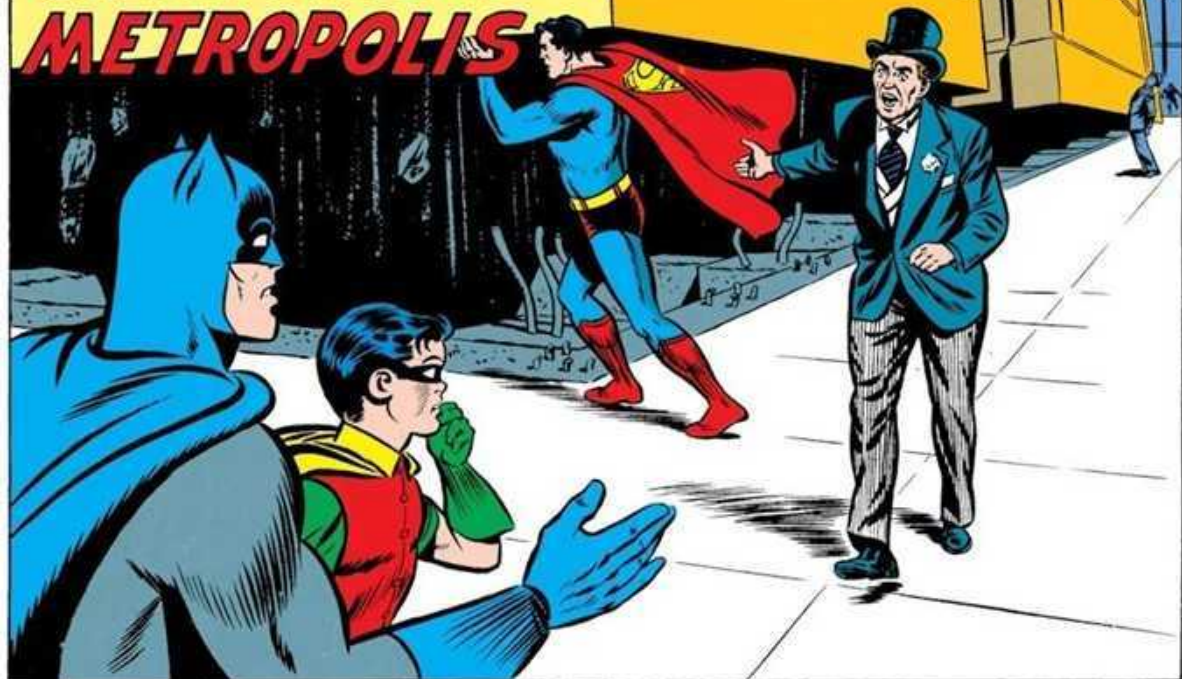
IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

SUPERMAN
IS TAKING
GOTHAM CITY'S
GREATEST ATTRACTION
AWAY--TO METROPOLIS!
STOP HIM,
BATMAN!

GOTHAM
CITY
CONVENTION
HALL

WHEN

**GOTHAM CITY
CHALLENGED
METROPOLIS**



A MIGHTY PLACE INDEED IS GOTHAM CITY, WITH ITS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE...



BUT LIKE ANY GREAT CITY, IT HAS ITS HUMAN BIRDS OF PREY...

THAT DISTANT LIGHT ON THE CLOUDS MUST BE THE **BAT-SIGNAL**, CALLING **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

HA, HA--FOR ONCE THEY'LL BE TOO LATE! WE CAN GET AWAY FAST IN THIS HELICOPTER!



BUT IN ANSWER TO THE FAMED SKY-SIGNAL, OUT OF THE BAT-CAVE STREAKS--NOT BATMAN AND ROBIN--BUT A DIFFERENT FIGURE!



IT'S --IT'S **SUPERMAN**! WHAT'S HE DOING IN GOTHAM CITY, WHEN HIS HOME IS METROPOLIS?



WHATEVER HE'S DOING, HE GOT HERE AT **SUPER-SPEED**!



I'M DIZZY--WE'RE SUNK!

ULP! HE'S HOLDING THE ROTOR-BLADES, CAUSING THE FUSELAGE TO SPIN INSTEAD!

AFTERWARDS, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS,

HERE ARE THOSE 'COPTER-BANDITS, COMMISSIONER GORDON!

I JUST DON'T GET IT! WHY WOULD **SUPERMAN** LEAVE METROPOLIS UNGUARDED AND COME HERE?



WHY INDEED? AND HAS THE MAN OF STEEL LEFT METROPOLIS UNGUARDED?

LET'S FIND OUT BY PAYING A VISIT TO THAT OTHER GREAT CITY...



AND IN METROPOLIS, THE ABSENCE OF ITS GREAT CHAMPION STIRS THE UNDERWORLD TO ACTION...

...YES--ONLY MINUTES AGO, IN GOTHAM CITY, **SUPERMAN** NABBED THE HELICOPTER-HOODLUMS!

HEAR THAT? WITH **SUPERMAN** GONE, WE CAN PULL THAT JOB AT THE ICE SHOW MATINEE--FOR **OUR** KIND OF ICE!



SHORTLY, WHERE A FAMOUS SKATING STAR GLIDES FORTH WITH HER FAIRY QUEEN BALLET...



THOSE DIAMONDS SHE WEARS IN THIS NUMBER ARE REAL ONES--HER OWN!

AND WE'RE TAKING THEM!

BUT TWO "FAIRYLAND" SKATERS SUDDENLY CHANGE WITH TRULY MAGIC SPEED...

BATMAN AND **ROBIN**-- HERE IN METROPOLIS!

WITH **SUPERMAN** GONE, WE WERE SURE SOME THIEVES WOULD TRY FOR THESE DIAMONDS--SO WE DECIDED TO JOIN THE BALLET!



LOOK--A NEW SKATING STAR!

WE'LL TAKE THEM ALONG NOW, TO COOL OFF IN JAIL!

SUPERMAN THERE, AND **BATMAN** HERE-- I--I JUST DON'T GET IT!

AND THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE **DAILY PLANET** HEADLINES A SENSATIONAL EVENT...



BUT WHAT CAUSED THIS INCREDIBLE EXCHANGE? LET'S GO BACK SOME WEEKS...

-- TO A TIME WHEN BOTH CITIES WANTED TO BE HOST TO THE COMING CONVENTION...

THE **WORLD ELECTRONICS CONVENTION**, WITH GREAT SCIENTISTS AND THEIR INVENTIONS, WILL MAKE HISTORY! WE MUST HAVE IT!

METROPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

THAT GREAT CONVENTION MUST MEET IN GOTHAM CITY!

GOTHAM CITY COUNCIL

HERE IN GOTHAM CITY, WE HAVE A **BIGGER** HALL--AND OUR **BATMAN**, WITH **ROBIN**, CAN GIVE YOU ALL THE PROTECTION YOU'LL EVER NEED!

GOTHAM CITY CONVENTION HALL

IT'S HARD TO DECIDE! WE'LL ASK THE METROPOLIS MAYOR AND **SUPERMAN** TO COME HERE SO WE CAN ALL TALK IT OVER!

SO THAT DAY, **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN**-- FAST FRIENDS WHO ALONE KNOW EACH OTHER'S SECRET IDENTITIES-- MET AGAIN...

I SAY METROPOLIS!

I SAY GOTHAM CITY!

WE JUST CAN'T DECIDE BETWEEN CITIES, SO WE'LL LET YOUR TWO GREAT CHAMPIONS DECIDE BY A CONTEST BETWEEN THEM! WHOEVER WINS, HIS CITY WILL GET THE CONVENTION!

TO MAKE A FAIR CONTEST, **SUPERMAN** WILL TAKE OVER IN GOTHAM CITY, AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN METROPOLIS! WHICHEVER HAS THE MOST CIVIC-SERVICE EXPLOITS TO HIS CREDIT, AFTER 24 HOURS, WILL WIN THE CONVENTION FOR HIS CITY!

IT SEEMS WE'RE TO BE FRIENDLY RIVALS, **BATMAN**!

FRIENDLY RIVALRY? YOU WOULDN'T THINK SO TO HEAR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES, TALKING THE MATTER OVER LATER...

WE MUSTN'T LOSE THIS CONTEST, DICK, UNDERSTAND? IF IT'S THE LAST THING WE EVER DO, **WE MUST BEAT SUPERMAN!**

WHY--BRUCE SOUNDS JEALOUS OF **SUPERMAN**! IS--IS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE?

BRUCE WAYNE

DICK GRAYSON

EACH MAYOR PRESENTED HIS CASE TO THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE...

WE HAVE A FINE CONVENTION HALL, HERE IN METROPOLIS--AND WE HAVE **SUPERMAN**, THE WORLD'S GREATEST LAWMAN, TO GUARD YOUR VALUABLE ELECTRONIC INVENTIONS!

METROPOLIS CONVENTION HALL

AND NOW THAT THE DYNAMIC DUO HAS MOVED TO METROPOLIS, **DAILY PLANET** REPORTER LOIS LANE FINDS **BATMAN** GRIMLY RESOLVED...

THIS IS THE **S-SIGNAL**, WHICH WE USE TO CALL **SUPERMAN**!

I'LL CHANGE IT TEMPORARILY INTO A **B-SIGNAL**! CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS A TRICK IN THIS CONTEST, YOU KNOW!



LATER, IN THE STREET...

HMPH-- YOUR PARTNER CERTAINLY TAKES THIS CONTEST SERIOUSLY, **ROBIN**! NOW HE'S TALKING TO PROFESSOR VOHR, ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS WHO'S TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION!

PROBABLY HE'S DISCUSSING THE CONTEST ARRANGEMENTS, MISS LANE! AS FOR TAKING IT TOO SERIOUSLY, I GUESS HE JUST WANTS TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY!



BUT LOIS ISN'T CONVINCED-- AND SOON VOICES HER DOUBTS TO HER BOSS, EDITOR PERRY WHITE...

I THINK **BATMAN** IS SO JEALOUS OF **SUPERMAN** THAT HE SHOULD BE WATCHED, TO SEE THAT HE PLAYS FAIR, PERRY!

HMM... YOU MAY HAVE SOMETHING THERE, LOIS-- BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE JOB YOURSELF, BECAUSE I SENT CLARK KENT TO GOTHAM CITY TO COVER **SUPERMAN'S** FEATS THERE!

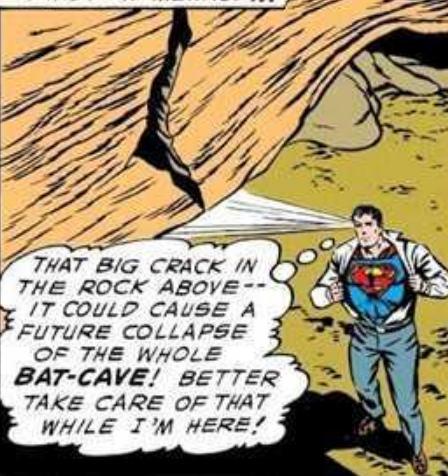


CLARK KENT HAS INDEED GONE TO GOTHAM CITY, SINCE CLARK HIMSELF IS SECRETLY **SUPERMAN**...

NICE OF **BATMAN** TO LET ME USE HIS **BAT-CAVE**! LOOK AT THESE TROPHIES... HE'S REALLY A GREAT LAWMAN-- THOUGH HE DID SEEM RATHER ANXIOUS ABOUT THIS CONTEST!



JUST THEN, **X-RAY VISION** DETECTS A HIDDEN MENACE...



THAT BIG CRACK IN THE ROCK ABOVE-- IT COULD CAUSE A FUTURE COLLAPSE OF THE WHOLE **BAT-CAVE**! BETTER TAKE CARE OF THAT WHILE I'M HERE!

QUICK SWITCH TO **SUPERMAN**--AND MOMENTS LATER...

I CAN SEW TOGETHER THE ROCK CEILING SAFELY, WITH THESE JUNKED STEEL GIRDERS I BORROWED AND FUSED INTO A **SUPER-STRONG "THREAD"**! I'D BETTER HURRY, BECAUSE THAT FLASHING RED LIGHT MEANS THE **BAT-SIGNAL** IS CALLING!



IT'S A NEW SIGNAL THAT FLASHES ACROSS GOTHAM CITY-- AND A NEW FIGURE THAT ANSWERS...



LOOK-- IT'S **SUPERMAN!**

WHAT A THRILL, SEEING HIM IN ACTION IN GOTHAM CITY!

SHORTLY, ALONG A CROWDED THOROUGHFARE...

ELECTRIC CABLES UNDER THE STREET HAVE CAUGHT FIRE, AND IT WOULD TAKE HOURS TO DIG DOWN TO THEM! WE KNEW YOU CAN REACH THEM FAST, **SUPERMAN!**

I'LL TAKE A QUICK LOOK FIRST!



GREAT SCOTT! IT'S GOING TO SET FIRE TO A GAS-MAIN THAT RUNS UNDER THE WHOLE STREET! ONLY AN INSTANT LEFT BEFORE AN EXPLOSION!



EVEN AS THE GAS TAKES FIRE, THE MAN OF STEEL ACTS WITH SUPER-SPEED...



NOW TO SNAP THE PIPELINE AROUND, SO THE EXPLODING FLAMES ALL RUSH OUT THE OTHER END! THEN I CAN REPLACE THE PIPES!



SO LATER, A GIANT SCOREBOARD OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY HALL IS CHANGED...



INDEED, ONLY A FEW MINUTES EARLIER, IN METROPOLIS...

BATMAN! WE JUST GOT WORD THAT AN ARMY TANK WAS STOLEN FROM A NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY-- AND THE TANK'S HEADING INTO TOWN ALONG **MARKET STREET!**

THEN THEY'RE HEADING TOWARD **METROPOLIS JAIL!** QUICK **ROBIN--** WE'VE GOT TO INTERCEPT THEM!

SECONDS LATER...

THOSE MOBSTERS ARE GOING TO CRACK OPEN THE JAIL WITH THAT TANK, AND RELEASE ALL PRISONERS! THEY KNOW **SUPERMAN** ISN'T HERE TO STOP THEM-- AND WE SURE CAN'T!

BUT I'VE GOT TO-- AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY... WITH THIS WIRE!

LOOK AT **BATMAN** TRYING TO PERFORM AN IM-POSSIBLE TASK!

RISKY, YES-- BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE! I'M HOLDING ONTO THE INSULATED PART OF THIS WIRE BUT THE END IS BARE!

AND THOUGH IT'S NOT HIGH-POWERED ENOUGH TO BE DANGEROUS, IT'LL **SHOCK** THEM OUT OF THAT TANK!

YOW! LEMME OUT OF HERE!

NICE GOING, **BATMAN!** I'LL HELP YOU COLLAR THEM!

BUT ONE PERSON, EVEN THOUGH SHE ADMIRES **BATMAN'S** HEROISM, ISN'T HAPPY ABOUT IT...

YOU'RE CERTAINLY DETERMINED TO BEAT **SUPERMAN!** THAT PUTS YOU A POINT AHEAD OF HIM-- BUT **SUPERMAN** WOULD CLEAN UP THOSE WRECKED CARS, TOO!

THANKS, **LOIS--** YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA!

AND LOIS' TAUNT SOON RECOILS UPON HER, MUCH TO HER CHAGRIN...

ANOTHER POINT SCORED BY BATMAN-- FOR THIS CIVIC SERVICE!

AND I HAD TO GIVE HIM THE IDEA! HE WILL DO ANYTHING TO BEAT **SUPERMAN!** I'M GOING TO KEEP WATCHING HIM!

LATER, THE GIRL REPORTER'S SUSPICIONS DEEPEN... HE SENT **ROBIN** ON AN ERRAND, AND NOW HE'S TALKING AGAIN TO PROFESSOR VOHR! I'M SURE HE'S UP TO SOMETHING UNFAIR... I'M GOING TO GOTHAM CITY AND WARN **SUPERMAN!**



AND JUST AS LOIS LEAVES, ROBIN REJOINS BATMAN AT AN AWKWARD MOMENT...

YOU MUST WIN, **BATMAN**-- FOR IF THE CONVENTION'S HELD HERE, IT'LL WRECK **SUPERMAN'S** CAREER!

WRECK **SUPERMAN**? I DON'T GET IT! OH-- SORRY... I GUESS YOU DIDN'T MEAN FOR ME TO HEAR THAT!



I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU, **ROBIN**, BUT PROFESSOR VOHR ASKED ME TO KEEP IT SECRET

BUT **ROBIN** MAY AS WELL KNOW THE TRUTH NOW... I'LL SHOW HIM!

AND IN HIS LABORATORY, A WORRIED SCIENTIST EXPLAINS...

THIS NEW ELECTRONIC GENERATOR I'M COMPLETING WILL HAVE ITS FIRST TEST AT THE CONVENTION! BUT MY CALCULATIONS SHOW IT WILL PRODUCE MINUTE **KRYPTONITE** RAYS!

AND **KRYPTONITE** IS THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN HARM **SUPERMAN**! YOUR **KRYPTONIC** RAYS WOULD PARALYZE HIM IF HE WERE NEARBY!



EXACTLY! I COULD WARN HIM TO STAY AWAY-- BUT IF HE DID, AFTER PROMISING TO GUARD THE CONVENTION, CRIMINALS MIGHT GUESS THAT SOME DEVICE THERE WAS HARMFUL TO HIM!

AND THE ONE THING WE MUST AVOID IS THE UNDERWORLD LEARNING OF THIS POSSIBLE RAY-WEAPON AGAINST **SUPERMAN!**

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO DETERMINED TO WIN THE CONVENTION FOR GOTHAM CITY, **BATMAN!**

YES, PROFESSOR VOHR WARNED ME SECRETLY BEFOREHAND, AND ASKED ME TO TELL NO ONE! LUCKILY, WE'RE NOW AHEAD IN THE CONTEST!



BUT SOON, ON THE METROPOLIS SCOREBOARD, A DISASTROUS SURPRISE FOR THE DUO...



ALL OF A SUDDEN, **SUPERMAN'S** EVENED OUR SCORE! BUT HOW?

THE ANSWER LIES IN THE ANGRY DETERMINATION OF LOIS LANE, WHO HAS FLOWN TO GOTHAM CITY...

SUPERMAN, YOU'RE LETTING METROPOLIS DOWN! YOU CAN'T LET **BATMAN** BEAT YOU!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE FLOWN DOWN HERE... A BAD THUNDERSTORM IS DESCENDING ON GOTHAM CITY! WAIT--THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA FOR A REAL CIVIC SERVICE, IF I CAN BORROW SOME COPPER CABLE FAST!



AND AS A VICIOUS STORM STRIKES, GOTHAM CITY FINDS ITSELF SHIELDED BY A SUPER-LIGHTNING ROD...



BY GROUNDING THE END OF THIS CABLE, I MADE SURE NO BOLTS WOULD HIT ANYWHERE IN THE CITY!

LOOK! ANOTHER BIG EXPLOIT FOR **SUPERMAN'S** SCORE!

AFTERWARD, WHEN THE STORM HAS PASSED...

SUPERMAN, COULD YOU BUILD A ROAD OUT TO **ROCK MOUNTAIN**, WHERE WE'RE CARVING A **GOTHAM CITY FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL?**

PERHAPS I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!



THE MIGHTY MAN OF TOMORROW SOON PROVIDES GOTHAM CITY WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE SPECTACLE...



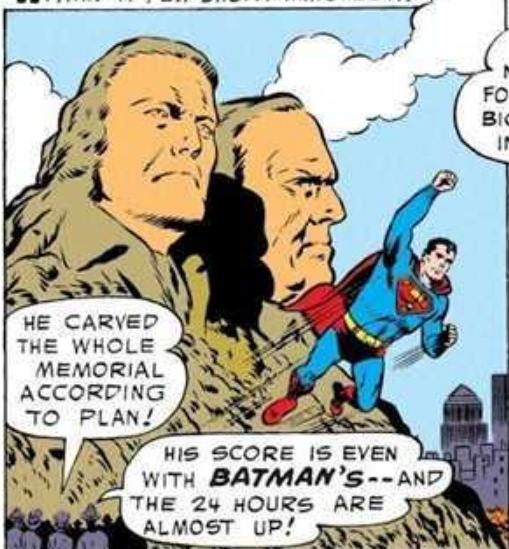
SUPERMAN HAS BROUGHT THE MOUNTAIN **HERE!** HE'S GOING TO SET IT DOWN IN THAT WASTELAND OUTSIDE THE CITY!

NOW HE'S USING HIS **HANDS** TO CARVE THE MOUNTAIN'S FACE!

AFTER ALL, **LOIS** IS RIGHT-- I CAN'T LET METROPOLIS DOWN!



WITHIN A FEW SHORT MINUTES...



HE CARVED THE WHOLE MEMORIAL ACCORDING TO PLAN!

HIS SCORE IS EVEN WITH **BATMAN'S**--AND THE 24 HOURS ARE ALMOST UP!

PRESENTLY, LOUDSPEAKERS ADVERTISE ONE OF THE GREATEST ATTRACTIONS OF ALL TIME...

THE GREATEST ACROBATS ON EARTH, IN THEIR SUPREME EXHIBITION! ADMISSION IS A FIVE-DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOSPITAL FUND!

TO HELP THE FUND AND SEE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** DO THEIR GREATEST STUNTS... IT'S WORTH IT!



AS THE LAST BREATHTAKING STUNT ENDS...



BONG!

LISTEN... THE BELL THAT ENDS THE CONTEST-- AND **BATMAN** WON! HE COMPLETED THE HOSPITAL FUND GOAL, WHICH GIVES HIM FIVE EXPLOITS TO **SUPERMAN'S** FOUR!

SO THE BIG **ELECTRONICS CONVENTION** GOES TO GOTHAM CITY!

BUT IN METROPOLIS, AS TIME RUNS OUT, **BATMAN** RISES TO THE CRISIS...

THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR ANOTHER BIG EXPLOIT IN TIME!

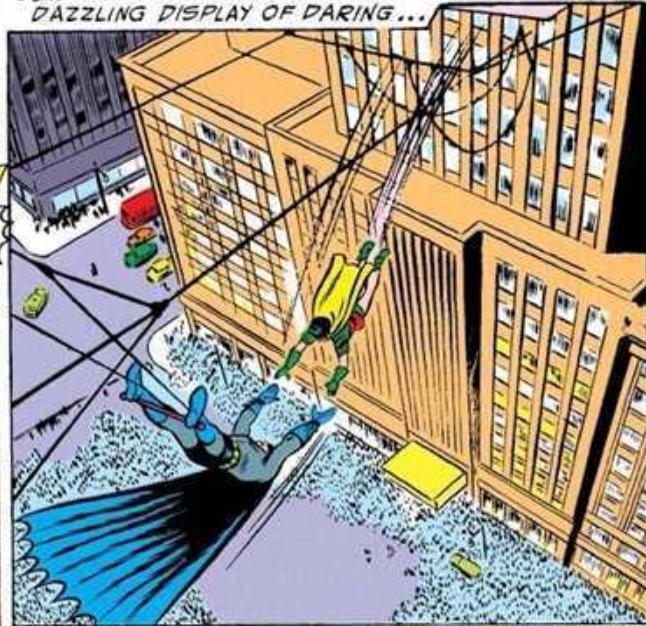
WE **MUST** WIN, FOR **SUPERMAN'S** SAKE! HMM-- THAT FUND CAMPAIGN... IF THE MAYOR WILL HAVE A STREET ROPED OFF, THAT'LL GIVE US A CHANCE!



GIVE TO THE HOSPITAL FUND!

GOAL-- \$100,000.00
GIVEN SO FAR-- \$20,000.00

AND AWED THOUSANDS SEE THE DYNAMIC DUO IN A DAZZLING DISPLAY OF DARING...



IT'S A BITTER MOMENT WHEN LOIS LANE RETURNS, TO FIND HER GREAT HERO BEATEN...

I THINK THERE WAS SOMETHING UNFAIR ABOUT THE WAY HE WON!

YET **BATMAN** HAS ALWAYS PLAYED FAIR WITH EVERYONE! BETTER JUST ADMIT THAT FOR ONCE, **SUPERMAN** WAS BESTED!



AND AS GOTHAM CITY GIVES ITS VICTORIOUS DUO
A HERO'S WELCOME...

HURRAY FOR
BATMAN!
HE'S THE
WORLD'S
GREATEST!

SEEMS LIKE THE
BEST MAN WON,
BATMAN! I'LL LEAVE
YOU NOW...
CONGRATULATIONS!

SUPERMAN--
HE'S TOPS! I
HATED HAVING
TO BEAT HIM!



BUT LOIS REFUSES TO ADMIT DEFEAT--AND
WHEN **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO METROPOLIS...

THIS DEFEAT COULD
HURT YOUR WHOLE
CAREER, **SUPERMAN!**
IF ONLY YOU COULD
REMEMBER ONE
MORE CIVIC SERVICE
YOU PERFORMED
DURING THOSE 24
HOURS...

I DID DO ONE THING I
DIDN'T MENTION... A
FAVOR FOR **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN**, WHICH
WOULD MAKE IT A REAL
CIVIC SERVICE! I
PREVENTED A FUTURE
COLLAPSE OF THE
BAT-CAVE!



THEN YOUR SCORE
EQUALS **BATMAN'S!**
QUICK, THE CONVENTION
IS STARTING DOWN
IN GOTHAM CITY--
YOU MUST TELL
THEM OF THIS!

I DIDN'T WANT TO
SPOIL **BATMAN'S**
VICTORY, BUT
IF YOU THINK
IN ALL FAIRNESS
THAT I SHOULD--
I WILL!



THE ELECTRONICS CONVENTION HAS INDEED
BEGIN--AND PROF. VOHR IS ABOUT TO MAKE THE
FIRST TEST OF HIS POWERFUL NEW INVENTION...

THE PROFESSOR'S GENERATOR
HAS STARTED! LUCKY THIS
CONVENTION IS TAKING PLACE
HERE, WHERE THE KRYPTONIC
RAYS CAN'T HARM
SUPERMAN!

BUT
LOOK--THERE
COMES
SUPERMAN
NOW!



SUPERMAN,
GO BACK! THE
KRYPTONIC
RAYS HAVE
STARTED!

BATMAN'S
WAVING ME
BACK! I'M SUR-
PRISED HE FEELS
SO STRONGLY
ABOUT ALL
THIS!



ABRUPTLY...

W-WAIT A MINUTE...
WHAT'S HAPPENED?
I'M PARALYZED, AS
THOUGH BY KRYPTONITE!
I'LL CRASH AND BE
BURIED DEEP IN
EARTH! CAN'T
MOVE A
MUSCLE!

QUICK, GRAB
THAT DOOR-
CANOPY AND
USE IT TO
CATCH HIM!
IT'S OUR ONLY
CHANCE!

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

LOOK! HE'S
RECOVERED
HIS POWERS!

AND JUST IN TIME!
NOW WILL SOMEONE
PLEASE TELL ME
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

THE EXPLANATION IS SOON FORTHCOMING...

MY GENERATOR'S POWER
WAS TOO GREAT-- IT
BURNED ITSELF UP
IMMEDIATELY! THE
PRINCIPLE IS UNSOUND,
SO NO MORE CAN BE
BUILT!

AND JUST AS WELL
FOR ME! NOW THAT
I'VE LEARNED ABOUT
THOSE KRYPTONIC
RAYS, I REALIZE
WHAT **BATMAN**
DID FOR ME!

LATER, AN OFFICIAL RECOUNT...

SO, THE SCORE OF
THE TWO CHAMPIONS
BEING **TIED**, WE'LL
HOLD HALF THE
CONVENTION SESSIONS
IN GOTHAM CITY,
AND HALF IN
METROPOLIS!

SCORE OF EXPLOITS
SUPERMAN BATMAN

5

5

AND I'LL
MAKE IT
EASY TO SHIFT
FROM CITY
TO CITY!

**AND THE MAN OF STEEL MAKES IT A QUICK SHIFT
INDEED...**



THE FAST
WAY! HE JUST
MOVES THE WHOLE
CONVENTION HALL,
WITH EVERYONE
IN IT!

THERE'S
NOBODY LIKE
SUPERMAN!



AND AT METROPOLIS...

THERE'S NO
ONE LIKE
BATMAN... HE'S
A **REAL FRIEND!**

OH-H... I'LL NEVER
UNDERSTAND MEN!

THE END.



ALL NEW STORIES

JULY-AUG.
NO. 77



WORLD'S FINEST COMICS

In this issue:
READ WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
SUPERMAN
LOSES HIS POWERS
AND BATMAN
BECOMES
**"The SUPER-
BATMAN!"**

DON'T BOTHER,
SUPERMAN--
BATMAN IS
TAKING CARE
OF THAT FIRE!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
AND HIS KRYPTONIAN

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

MIGHTIEST OF HUMANS IS **SUPERMAN**, WITH HIS TREMENDOUS SUPER-STRENGTH AND OTHER SUPER-POWERS! MOST DARING AND DEFT OF DETECTIVES IS **BATMAN**, WITH HIS GENIUS FOR DEDUCTION AND HIS SUPERB ACROBATIC SKILL! BUT WHAT IF THESE TWO GREAT CHAMPIONS, BY A FREAK OF SCIENTIFIC POWER, **EXCHANGED** THEIR DIFFERENT ABILITIES? WHICH OF THEM, IN A STRANGE STRUGGLE AGAINST WRONGDOERS, WOULD BE MOST ADEPT--THE NEW, UN-SUPER SUPERMAN, OR...

**THE SUPER
BAT-MAN!**

HOW I WISH I
HAD SUPER-POWERS
LIKE **BATMAN!**



ONE DAY, IN GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK-- IT'S
A BIRD!

NO, IT'S
A PLANE!

NO, IT'S...



...IT'S
BATMAN!

BUT HOW CAN **BATMAN** ZOOM ACROSS THE SKY IN THE WAY ONLY **SUPERMAN** DOES? HOW DID HE ACQUIRE SUPER-POWERS? FOR THE ANSWER--

-- WE MUST GO BACK TO A CERTAIN DAY IN METROPOLIS WHEN CLARK KENT, **DAILY PLANET** REPORTER, HEARD AN UP-SETTING CONVERSATION...

...AND WHEN PROFESSOR PENDER'S MACHINE FIXES **SUPERMAN**, WE'LL TAKE OVER METROPOLIS!

I PICKED THAT UP WITH MY **SUPER-HEARING**, AND I DON'T LIKE IT!

SO I SAID TO PERRY THAT... WHY, CLARK-- YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO A WORD I SAY!

HMPH! SINCE I SEEM TO BORE YOU, YOU CAN GO TO LUNCH BY YOURSELF!

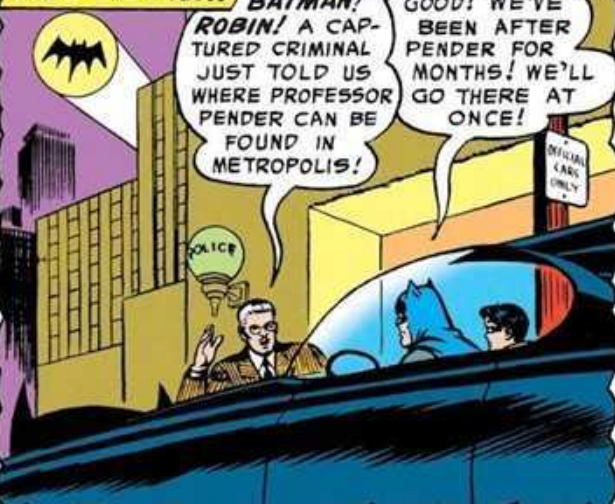
I HATE TO HURT HER FEELINGS, BUT I MUST GO AFTER PENDER! HIS MACHINE CAN'T HARM ME-- NOTHING BUT **KRYPTONITE** CAN DO THAT, BUT HE'S WANTED BY THE POLICE!



THE POLICE OF GOTHAM CITY WERE ALSO AFTER THE RENEGADE SCIENTIST--AND SO, THAT VERY SAME EVENING...

BATMAN!
ROBIN! A CAPTURED CRIMINAL JUST TOLD US WHERE PROFESSOR PENDER CAN BE FOUND IN METROPOLIS!

GOOD! WE'VE BEEN AFTER PENDER FOR MONTHS! WE'LL GO THERE AT ONCE!



SOON, EN ROUTE TO METROPOLIS IN THEIR FAMED **BATMOBILE**...

PENDER'S WARPED SCIENTIFIC GENIUS HAS MADE PLENTY OF TROUBLE-- BUT THIS TIME WE'LL GRAB HIM!

AND MAYBE WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE OUR PAL **SUPERMAN**, TOO!



MEANWHILE, AFTER **SUPERMAN**, BY TELESCOPIC VISION, HAD TRAILED TWO UNSAVORY CHARACTERS TO A DINGY STREET...

SO THAT'S WHERE PROFESSOR PENDER'S HIDEOUT IS! I FIGURED THEY'D LEAD ME TO IT!

AND INSIDE, WHERE A TWISTED SCIENTIFIC GENIUS HAD CREATED A SINISTER INVENTION...

THAT **SUPER-CHARGING MACHINE** WILL CHARGE ANY HUMAN BEING WITH SUCH ELECTRIC ENERGY THAT HE'LL HAVE **SUPER-POWERS** FOR 24 HOURS! WITH IT, I'LL MAKE MYSELF INVULNERABLE, AND WE'LL LOOT ALL OF METROPOLIS!

BUT **SUPERMAN** CAN STILL STOP YOU-- HOW ABOUT THAT?

YES, HOW ABOUT THAT, PENDER?

IN CREATING MY INVENTION, I ALSO DISCOVERED A **DE-CHARGING RAY**...ONE THAT CAN DESTROY YOUR POWERS, **SUPERMAN!**

THERE! MY DE-CHARGING RAY HAS TAKEN AWAY YOUR SUPER-POWERS, AND YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER HUMAN, **SUPERMAN!**

NOTHING BUT **KRYPTONITE** CAN HARM ME-- SO THAT RAY MUST BE A FAKE!

BUT THE MAN OF STEEL WAS IN FOR THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE!...

MY STRENGTH AND OTHER SUPER-POWERS... THEY'RE GONE!

HA, HA... KEEP HIM BUSY, BOYS, WHILE I MAKE MYSELF SUPER-POWERED NOW!

AT THAT MOMENT CAME AN UNEXPECTED INTRUSION...

SO YOUR HIDEOUT IS HERE, PENDER! I GUESS **SUPERMAN** DOESN'T NEED OUR HELP, BUT WE'LL GIVE HIM A HAND ANYWAY!

BATMAN! AND I ALREADY PULLED THE SWITCH!



BUT I THOUGHT ONLY **KRYPTONITE** COULD HARM YOU!

THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS THOUGHT-- BUT IT SEEMS THIS DE-CHARGING RAY IS A TERRIBLE **NEW** WEAPON AGAINST ME! IT'S CERTAINLY TAKEN AWAY MY POWERS, THOUGH I CAN'T POSSIBLY IMAGINE HOW!



AND BACK IN THE LABORATORY... NO... PENDER MAYBE WE CAN RESTORE YOUR SUPER-POWER WITH THIS MACHINE!

TOOK THE VITAL TUBE WHICH CONTAINS ALL THE RARE ELEMENT IT USES! HE'LL BUILD **ANOTHER** MACHINE AROUND THE TUBE-- AND MAKE HIMSELF **SUPER!**



WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT THAT, BY FINDING PENDER **BEFORE** HE COMPLETES ANOTHER MACHINE! HE MAY BE EITHER IN METROPOLIS OR GOTHAM CITY!

ROBIN AND I WILL SEARCH GOTHAM CITY FOR HIM-- YOU CAN REMAIN HERE! BUT SINCE YOU CAN'T FLY NOW, YOU'LL NEED TRANSPORTATION!

THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE WAS SOON TRANSFORMED INTO...

A **SUPERMOBILE!** IT'S MY ONLY MEANS OF SPEEDY TRANSPORTATION NOW!

YOU'LL ALSO NEED A HIDDEN BASE FOR YOUR **SUPERMOBILE**, WHEN YOU HAVE TO CHANGE TO CLARK KENT!



I'VE SEEN YOU DRILL OUT ROCK LIKE THIS... WITH MY NEW POWERS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT, TOO!



BATMAN'S MIGHTY NEW STRENGTH WORKED A MIRACLE IN MOMENTS...

YOU NOW HAVE A **SUPER-CAVE**--AND I'LL GIVE YOU OUR SPARE BELT-RADIO SO YOU CAN CALL US WHEN YOU NEED US! NOW **ROBIN** AND I WILL GET BACK TO GOTHAM CITY TO START OUR SEARCH!

THANKS, **BATMAN**-- BUT REMEMBER... IF ANY EMERGENCY SUPER-JOB COMES UP, **YOU'LL** HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF IT NOW!



I'LL REMEMBER...
LET'S GO, **ROBIN**!

I'D BETTER GET
BUSY FAST--BEFORE
PENDER CAN USE
HIS DE-CHARGING
RAY TO DESTROY
BATMAN'S
NEW SUPER-
POWERS,
TOO!

WOW,
WHAT A
WAY TO
TRAVEL!

AND NOW, AS **SUPERMAN** STARTS HIS SEARCH
FOR THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST... MY PLAN OF

ACTION HINGES ON THE
FACT THAT I **DON'T** HAVE
SUPER-POWERS NOW! IT'LL
MEAN CRACKING DOWN ON ALL
LAWBREAKERS IN THE CITY, IN THE
HOPE THAT ONE OF THEM CAN LEAD
ME TO PENDER'S HIDEOUT!

JUST THEN...

POLICE FLASH!
STOLEN FUR
TRUCK HEAD-
ING TOWARD
SOUTH
AVENUE!

THAT'S ONLY A FEW
BLOCKS AWAY! HERE'S
WHERE I START MY
PLAN TO FIND PENDER!
IT'LL BE RISKY, BUT I
HAVE TO TRY IT!

MINUTES LATER, ALONG A NARROW STREET...

THERE COMES
THE TRUCK--AND--
AND... GREAT SCOTT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING
HERE, LOIS? GET
BACK!

DON'T BE SILLY,
SUPERMAN! I
KNOW I'M SAFE
WITH YOU AROUND,
AND I'M GOING TO
GET THIS SCOOP!

IF MY BLUFF DOESN'T
WORK, I CAN ALWAYS
MAKE A LAST-MINUTE JUMP
AND KNOCK LOIS OUT OF
HARM'S WAY
TOO!

WHAT'S THE USE OF
HITTING **SUPERMAN**?
IT'D ONLY WRECK
OUR TRUCK-- AND
MAYBE OURSELVES, TOO!

AND THE MAN OF STEEL RUNS A **SUPER-
BLUFF!**

WE'LL COME
OUT! PLEASE-- DON'T
START THROWING THE
TRUCK AROUND!

ALL RIGHT--YOU CAN CALL THE
POLICE CARS FOR
THEM, LOIS!



BUT WHY THIS SUPERMOBILE? YOU DON'T NEED IT!

JUST AN--ER--IDEA OF MINE I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! 'BYE, LOIS!



HMM... SUPERMAN'S ACTING MIGHTY STRANGELY! HE DIDN'T EVEN GRAB THOSE THIEVES IN HIS USUAL WAY! I WONDER...?

MY IDEA FOR FINDING PENDER HASN'T CLICKED SO FAR--BUT MAYBE BATMAN WILL HAVE BETTER LUCK IN GOTHAM CITY!

THE NEW SUPER-BATMAN IS HAVING A STRANGE HOMECOMING AT THIS MOMENT...



THIS IS CERTAINLY FASTER THAN USING THE BATMOBILE!

BATMAN, LOOK OUT! YOU ALIGHTED SO HARD THAT YOU ROCKED THE WHOLE BAT-CAVE!

AND AS ALFRED THE BUTLER RESPONDS TO THE DISTURBANCE...



AN EARTHQUAKE--IT ROCKED THE WHOLE HOUSE!

DON'T WORRY, ALFRED... I--ER--JUST HAVEN'T LEARNED TO HANDLE SOME NEW POWERS I'VE ACQUIRED!

LATER, AS THE TWO RELAX BRIEFLY IN THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



IF PENDER'S NEW HIDEOUT IS IN GOTHAM CITY, WE'LL HAVE TO FIND IT BEFORE HE BUILDS ANOTHER SUPER-CHARGING MACHINE! BUT CAN WE DO IT IN TIME?

WE'VE GOT TO-- OH, SORRY... I FORGOT AND HAMMERED THE TABLE! BETTER-- UH-- CLEAR UP THE MESS, ALFRED!

WE'D BETTER GET BUSY SEARCHING THE CITY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!

PLEASE, MR. WAYNE-- YOU'VE PULLED THE WHOLE DOOR OFF ITS HINGES!



SOON, HIGH OVER GOTHAM CITY...



WITH ROBIN SEARCHING DOWN IN THE STREETS, AND ME USING **SUPER-HEARING** AND **SUPER-VISION** UP HERE, WE SHOULD FIND PENDER IF HE'S ANYWHERE IN THIS TERRITORY!

BUT BATMAN IS TO LEARN THAT SUPER-POWERS CAN MAKE HIS JOB SUPER-TOUGH!

SPECIAL RADIO NEWS BULLETIN! NORTHVILLE POWDER ARSENAL HAS JUST CAUGHT FIRE AND MAY EXPLODE AT ANY MOMENT!

I PROMISED **SUPERMAN** TO TAKE OVER AN EMERGENCY LIKE THAT... MUST GET THERE FAST!



SECONDS LATER, AT THE SCENE OF THE BLAZE...



I CAN SEE WITH MY **X-RAY VISION** THAT THE FIRE WILL REACH THE POWDER IN ANOTHER INSTANT! ONLY ONE CHANCE TO AVERT DESTRUCTION OF THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD...



...AND THAT'S TO THROW THE BUILDING WAY UP IN THE SKY, WHERE THE EXPLOSION CAN'T CAUSE ANY HARM!

BUT THE BLAST HAS CREATED A CLOUD OF FIERY FRAGMENTS THAT'LL DRIFT DOWN ONTO GOTHAM CITY AND START FIRES! I HAVE TO PREVENT THAT!



AT HIGH SPEED, BATMAN STREAKS BACK TO THE CITY, AHEAD OF THE DRIFTING FIRE-FRAGMENTS...



I CAN'T LET PEOPLE REALIZE THE DANGER, OR THERE'LL BE PANIC! BUT WITH THIS JUNK METAL, I CAN AVERT THE DANGER WITHOUT THEIR KNOWING ABOUT IT!



LOOK, A COLOSSAL BAT! **BATMAN** MUST BE TESTING HIS NEW SUPER-POWERS!

THAT'S WHAT I WANT THEM TO THINK! ACTUALLY, THE FLAPPING OF THESE HUGE WINGS IS CREATING A WIND THAT'S BLOWING THE BURNING PARTICLES OUT TO SEA!

FINALLY, WITH THE PERIL AVERTED... HMM... HAVING

SUPERMAN'S RESPONSIBILITIES DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH TIME TO TRACK DOWN CRIMINALS!

I'VE SEEN NO TRACE OF PENDER YET! MEANWHILE, **BATMAN**, NOW THAT THE CITIZENS HAVE LEARNED OF YOUR NEW POWERS, THEY'D LIKE YOU TO MOVE THE **CITY ORPHANAGE** TO ITS NEW SITE!

AND IN METROPOLIS, WHERE **SUPERMAN** FOLLOWS HIS OWN PLAN OF SEARCH...

SUPERMAN IS DRIVING HARD AGAINST ALL LAWBREAKERS-- BUT HASN'T PERFORMED A SUPER-STUNT IN HOURS! I WONDER IF THIS MAN IS **SUPERMAN** AT ALL--OR AN IMPOSTOR? I'LL FOLLOW HIM--TILL I FIND OUT!

AS THE MAN OF STEEL CONTINUES HIS DANGEROUS DETECTIVE QUEST...

HMM... THE WORD **STATIONERY** IS MIS-SPelled ON THAT MUDDY TRUCK! NO LEGITIMATE STATIONERY COMPANY WOULD MAKE THAT MISTAKE... I'D BETTER TRAIL THE TRUCK TO ITS DESTINATION!

AND **SUPERMAN'S** DEDUCTION PROVES A SHREWD ONE-- FOR AWHILE LATER...

WE CAN CUT RIGHT INTO THE HOLD AND GET AT THAT BULLION FAST! I THOUGHT SO! NO DANGER NOW TO-- LOIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'M IN NO DANGER IF YOU REALLY ARE **SUPERMAN!** ARE YOU?

BEFORE THAT QUESTION CAN BE ANSWERED...

IT'S **SUPERMAN!**

BUT HE'S NOT SUPER NOW! THIS TORCH WILL FIX HIM!

BEHIND ME, LOIS-- QUICK!



HUH? THE TORCH ISN'T HURTING HIM!

BECAUSE MY **COSTUME** IS IN-DESTRUCTIBLE-- BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT! AS IT IS, I CAN FEEL PLENTY OF HEAT ON MY ARM!



WELL, THIS IS ONE SURE WAY TO STOP HIM!

SUPERMAN, THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

YES--BUT I CAN'T LET A FIRE GET STARTED! MUST PUT IT OUT BEFORE I CAN CHASE THEM!



SO THAT'S THE WAY YOU PUT OUT A FIRE NOW-- WITH A **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**!

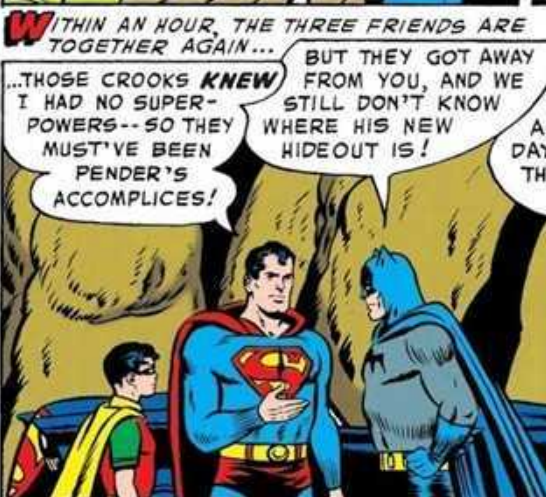
THEN WHAT I SUSPECTED IS TRUE-- HE ISN'T **SUPERMAN** AT ALL, BUT AN IMPERSONATOR!

WAIT A MINUTE...MY RIGHT ARM FEELS STRONGER NOW! NOW I GET IT! THE FACT THAT PENDER HASN'T USED HIS DE-CHARGING RAY ON **BATMAN**--AND NOW THIS...THEY ADD UP!



MOMENTS LATER, WHERE **BATMAN** COMPLETES A SUPER-CIVIC SERVICE...

NO, WAIT...**SUPERMAN** IS CALLING BY BELT-RADIO! HE WANTS US TO COME TO THE **SUPER-CAVE** AT ONCE!



WITHIN AN HOUR, THE THREE FRIENDS ARE TOGETHER AGAIN...

...THOSE CROOKS **KNEW** I HAD NO SUPER-POWERS--SO THEY MUST'VE BEEN PENDER'S ACCOMPLICES!

BUT THEY GOT AWAY FROM YOU, AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE HIS NEW HIDEOUT IS!

YES, BUT THEIR TRUCK WAS WET AND MUDDY--AND THE ONLY RAIN TODAY WAS A SHOWER IN THE **SOUTH HILLS** DISTRICT!

THEN PENDER'S NEW HIDE-OUT LAB MUST BE THERE, TOO! GOOD SLEUTHING, **SUPERMAN**--ONLY HOW CAN WE FIND THEM BEFORE THEY COMPLETE THE NEW MACHINE?



TO OPERATE THAT MACHINE WILL REQUIRE HEAVY ELECTRIC POWER! WE CAN SPOT IT FROM THE POWER STATION SERVING THAT DISTRICT... IT'S NEAR HERE!

I GET IT! COME ON-- WE MAY NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT!



PRESENTLY, IN THE POWER STATION WHOSE DIALS RECORD THE FLOW OF ELECTRICITY INTO ALL LINES...



LOOK... THE LINE THAT FEEDS **SMITH ROAD** IS RECORDING A TERRIFIC FLOW OF CURRENT!

THEN PENDER'S STARTED HIS MACHINE, AND IT'S LOCATED SOMEWHERE ALONG THAT ROAD! YOU AND **ROBIN** GO AFTER HIM, WHILE I STOP THE MACHINE TEMPORARILY, FROM RIGHT HERE!

As **SUPERMAN** AND **ROBIN** DEPART, **BATMAN** TURNS A BIG DYNAMO INTO A **SUPER-DYNAMO!**



THIS ONE SERVES **SMITH ROAD!** BY SPINNING IT AT **SUPER-SPEED**, I CAN TURN AN OVERLOAD OF CURRENT INTO THAT ELECTRIC LINE-- AND BLOW ALL FUSES ALONG IT, INCLUDING **PENDER'S!**

AND WHILE **SUPERMAN** AND **ROBIN** SEARCH FOR **PENDER'S** HIDEOUT, I'LL REPLACE FUSES ALL ALONG THE LINE, TO PREVENT A COMPLETE **POWER-STOPPAGE!**



IN THE MEANTIME, FARTHER ALONG THAT ROAD, **ROBIN** HAS HAD A BREATHTAKING SURPRISE...

WHY--WHY, YOU HAVE YOUR **SUPER-POWERS** BACK! BUT HOW COULD YOU, WHEN THAT **DE-CHARGING RAY** DESTROYED THEM?



PENDER'S **SUPER-CHARGING** MACHINE REALLY WORKS, BUT HIS "**DE-CHARGING RAY**" WAS A **FAKE!** ACTUALLY, THAT GADGET SHOT **FINE KRYPTONITE DUST** INTO MY COSTUME--AND AS LONG AS I WORE THAT COSTUME, MY **POWERS** WERE PARALYZED!



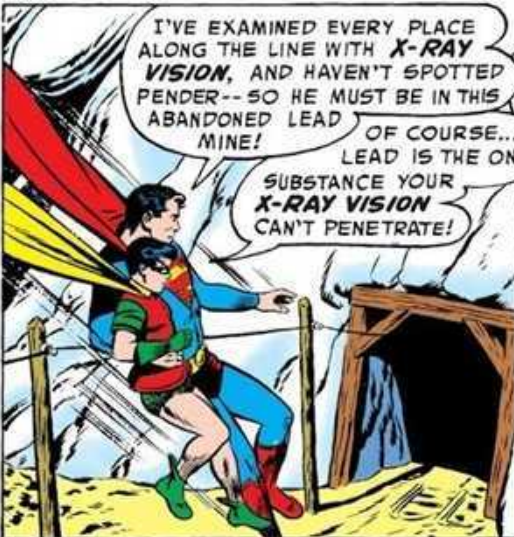
PENDER USED THE FAKE "**RAY**" TO KEEP ME FROM SUSPECTING THE TRUTH! BUT WHEN HE DIDN'T USE IT AGAINST **SUPER-BATMAN**, AND WHEN MY RIGHT ARM GOT STRONG AFTER THE **WELDING-TORCH** BURNED THE **KRYPTONITE** OUT OF MY SLEEVE, I SAW THE TRICK THEN, AND SIMPLY CHANGED TO A SPARE COSTUME!

I'VE EXAMINED EVERY PLACE ALONG THE LINE WITH **X-RAY VISION**, AND HAVEN'T SPOTTED PENDER-- SO HE MUST BE IN THIS ABANDONED LEAD MINE!

OF COURSE... LEAD IS THE ONE SUBSTANCE YOUR **X-RAY VISION** CAN'T PENETRATE!

SHORTLY, INSIDE... I'VE REPLACED THOSE BLOWN FUSES-- NOW I'LL TURN THE MACHINE ON AGAIN! IN A FEW MOMENTS, I WILL HAVE SUPER-POWERS!

HEY--LOOK! HERE COMES THAT HAS-BEEN-SUPERMAN! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM... IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!



BUT ABRUPTLY...

OUCH! SUPERMAN IS SUPER AGAIN! LOOK OUT!

JUST IN TIME FOR THE FUN, **BATMAN!** LET'S WADE IN!



AND TRAPPED PLOTTERS HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST THE WORLD'S MOST TERRIFIC TRIO!

THE VITAL TUBE WAS SMASHED IN THE STRUGGLE-- SO PENDER'S INVENTION WILL NEVER MAKE ANYONE SUPER-POWERED AGAIN!

AND MY SUPER-POWERS ARE FADING AS THE 24 HOURS EXPIRE! I'M NOT SORRY-- BEING A **SUPER-BATMAN** IS TOO MUCH FOR ME!



BUT A LITTLE LATER, IN METROPOLIS, LOIS LANE TRIUMPHANTLY SPRINGS A SURPRISE...

I KNOW THAT THIS STORY OF A WEIRD RAY-MACHINE IS MOONSHINE--AND THAT REALLY, YOU TWO SIMPLY EXCHANGED COSTUMES! I'M GOING TO PUBLISH IT, WHETHER YOU ADMIT IT OR NOT!

PERHAPS IT'S BETTER FOR THE WORLD TO BELIEVE THAT!

ER... **BATMAN** AND I WON'T DENY OR CONFIRM THAT, LOIS!

I THOUGHT SO! I SAW RIGHT THROUGH YOUR LITTLE TRICK!

LOOKS LIKE LOIS IS A PRETTY HARD PERSON TO FOOL, **SUPERMAN!**

YES, **BATMAN**, SHE'S JUST TOO MUCH FOR US!





SEPT.-OCT. NO. 78



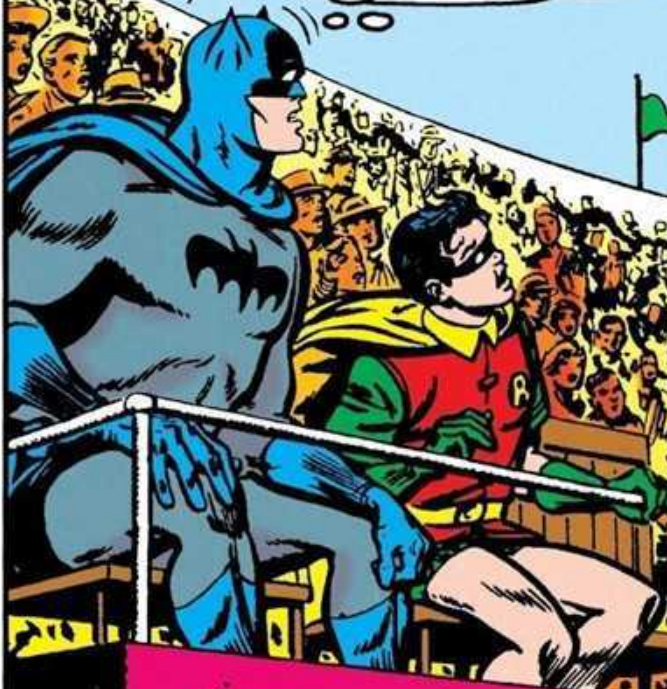
WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

Featuring
SUPERMAN
and BATMAN
TOGETHER
IN ONE ADVENTURE-
"WHEN
SUPERMAN'S
IDENTITY IS
EXPOSED!"

ATTENTION, EVERYBODY!
HERE COMES OUR THIRD
GUEST OF HONOR,
SUPERMAN,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
CLARK KENT!

BUT--BUT NOBODY KNOWS
SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY
EXCEPT ROBIN AND ME!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

and

BATMAN
AND ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

SUPERMAN, METROPOLIS' MIGHTY MAN OF STEEL -- BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE DYNAMIC DUO OF GOTHAM CITY... THEY'RE MORE THAN FRIENDS! FOR ONLY THEY HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER'S SECRET IDENTITIES! BUT NOW, SUPERMAN'S STRUGGLE AGAINST A CLEVER CONSPIRACY BRINGS HIS GUARDED SECRET INTO THE FULL LIGHT OF DAY -- AND BOTH GREAT CHAMPIONS FIND THEMSELVES EN-TANGLED IN DRAMATIC DANGERS...

**WHEN
SUPERMAN'S
IDENTITY
IS EXPOSED**

MUST
DOUSE
THAT SIGN --
BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE!

SUPERMAN --
YOU ARE CLARK KENT

H-HOW
COULD ANYONE
HAVE FIGURED
THAT OUT?



ONE MORNING AS CLARK KENT, DAILY PLANET REPORTER WHO IS SECRETLY **SUPERMAN**, ARRIVES AT WORK...

GOOD MORNING, CLARK! ARE YOU READY TO COVER THE ELECTRONICS SHOW WITH ME?

SURE, LOIS... BUT-- BUT WHAT'S THIS NOTE?

HMM... VERY INTERESTING!

WHICH ONE OF YOU BIRDS PLAYED THIS SILLY PRACTICAL JOKE?

NOT ME, CLARK! BUT--HA, HA--IT'S FUNNY... YOU **SUPERMAN!** HA, HA, HA!

BUT AS THE "JOKE" CONTINUES, IT'S FAR FROM FUNNY TO CLARK...

HMPH-- ONE OF YOU IN THE OFFICE MUST HAVE PUT THAT SILLY NOTE IN MY TYPE-WRITER!

THEN WHO PUT THIS SIGN IN THE HALL? NONE OF THE OTHERS LEFT AFTER YOU CAME IN!

Clark Kent-- why don't you wear your **SUPERMAN** costume?

CLARK KENT, YOU ARE **SUPERMAN!**

IT'S JUST SOMEONE TRYING TO NEEDLE ME WITH THE RIDICULOUS CHARGE THAT I'M **SUPERMAN!**

I WONDER?

WHY INDEED? AT THE ELECTRONICS SHOW, SOME TIME LATER...

AND ONCE AGAIN, OUTSIDE...

THIS IS TOO MUCH! A JOKE'S A JOKE, BUT...

CLARK KENT-- WHY BOTHER WITH A CAR WHEN YOU CAN FLY THERE AS **SUPERMAN?**

THIS IS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST PHONOGRAPH AND... GOOD GRIEF!

CLARK KENT-- YOU ARE SUPERMAN!

WELL! DO YOU STILL CLAIM THIS IS JUST A JOKE?

OF COURSE, LOIS! I'LL PROVE TO YOU THAT **SUPERMAN** AND I ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE!

I WONDER IF IT IS A JOKE! I'VE SUSPECTED YOU OF BEING **SUPERMAN** IN THE PAST-- AND YOU'VE ALWAYS TALKED ME OUT OF IT! BUT NOW-- WHY WOULD ANYONE GO TO THIS TROUBLE IF YOU AREN'T **SUPERMAN?**

THAT NIGHT, THE MILD-MANNERED REPORTER SWITCHES TO HIS OTHER IDENTITY, AND SENDS OUT A SUPER-SUMMONS...

MEANWHILE, IN GOTHAM CITY, WHERE TWO CAPED CHAMPIONS OF LAW HAVE GONE INTO ACTION...



YES, IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN ON THE TRACK OF A MYSTERIOUS MENACE...



JUST THEN...



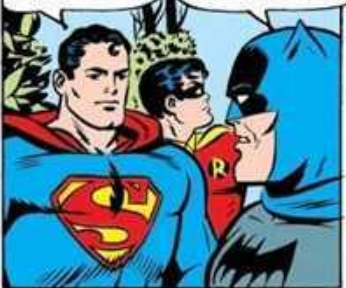
SOON...



LATER, OUTSIDE METROPOLIS, A DRAMATIC MEETING...



OF COURSE YOU WOULDN'T... BUT WITH YOUR GREAT DETECTIVE SKILL, YOU AND **ROBIN** MIGHT FIND THE SENDER OF THE MESSAGES!



WE'LL DO OUR BEST! PRESERVING YOUR IDENTITY IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN HUNTING DOWN THAT VARREL MOB IN GOTHAM CITY!

OKAY... I'LL SWITCH BACK TO CLARK KENT, GO BACK INTO METROPOLIS AHEAD OF YOU AND...



SUPERMAN-- LOOK! THAT DRIFTING ADVERTISING BALLOON!

CLARK KENT--WHY DON'T YOU USE YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH TO REMOVE THE DANGER TO RIVERTOWN?



ANOTHER SIGN ACCUSING YOU OF BEING CLARK KENT!

ONLY THIS ONE MENTIONS A DANGER! IT MAY BE A BLUFF, BUT I'D BETTER BECOME **SUPERMAN** AGAIN...



...AND SEE ABOUT THIS PERIL TO RIVERTOWN!

MEANWHILE, **ROBIN** AND I WILL TRACK DOWN THE ORIGIN OF THAT SIGN-BALLOON!



SECONDS LATER, MILES AWAY...

THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE DANGER OF FLOOD TO RIVERTOWN! IT'S IN NO IMMINENT PERIL, BUT I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT NOW ANYWAY! FIRST I'LL CARVE A **GIANT PLOW** OUT OF THIS ROCK HILL!



WITH IT, I CAN PLOW OUT A NEW BED FOR THE RIVER AND REMOVE THE DANGER! I'VE GOT TO DO THIS FAST, BECAUSE THERE'S OTHER URGENT WORK TO BE DONE, TOO!

IN THE MEANTIME, WHEN **BATMAN AND ROBIN** TRAIL A SKY-CLUE...



IF WE ONLY HAD THE **BAT-PLANE**, WE COULD GRAB THAT BALLOON FAST!

IT'S COMING DOWN... IT'LL SOON TOUCH GROUND!

MINUTES LATER...

THE GAS-VALVE WAS A LITTLE OPEN, BUT THERE ARE NO FINGER-PRINTS ON IT!

THIS IS NO ORDINARY ADVERTISING BALLOON... ITS SEAMS ARE FUSED BY A HIGH-PRESSURE PROCESS! THAT SHOULD NARROW DOWN THE SEARCH FOR IT!



BUT AT A METROPOLIS BALLOON FACTORY, THE CLUE RUNS OUT!



NO, OUR COMPANY NEVER MADE THIS! IT'S JUST BEEN PUT TOGETHER OUT OF **JUNK RUBBER!**

THEN IT'S NO GOOD TO US ANYMORE!

AFTERWARD, AS EVENING APPROACHES...



IT'S BAFFLING! **NOBODY** BUT US KNOWS **SUPERMAN'S** IDENTITY--YET THIS MYSTERIOUS ACCUSER SEEMS DEAD CERTAIN OF IT!

SUPERMAN SAID HE'D BE AT WORK--AS CLARK KENT--SO I'D BETTER GO THERE AND TELL HIM THAT WE'RE STILL STYMIED!

BUT ARRIVING AT HIS DESTINATION, **BATMAN** ENCOUNTERS...



LOIS LANE! HOW NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

BATMAN?... HERE IN METROPOLIS? YOU MUST HAVE HURRIED, AFTER YOUR ACTIVITIES IN GOTHAM CITY TODAY!

MY ACTIVITIES IN **GOTHAM CITY** TODAY?

OF COURSE! IT CAME OVER THE WIRE...

"COMMISSIONER GORDON STATED THAT **BATMAN** TURNED THE UNDERWORLD UP-SIDE DOWN TODAY IN HIS SEARCH FOR A DANGEROUS GROUP OF LAWBREAKERS!"



OF COURSE-- THE COMMISSIONER MUST HAVE ISSUED THAT STATEMENT SO THE VARREL MOB WOULDN'T SUSPECT I'M OUT OF TOWN! OTHERWISE, THEY MIGHT ATTEMPT THEIR MYSTERIOUS BIG JOB!

BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE, BATMAN?

IF YOU MUST KNOW, LOIS-- SINCE BATMAN WAS IN METROPOLIS, I ASKED HIM TO FIND THE CHARACTER WHO'S MAKING THESE RIDICULOUS CHARGES THAT I'M SUPERMAN!

IT COULDN'T BE YOU WHO'S MAKING THOSE ACCUSATIONS, COULD IT, MISS LANE?



OF COURSE NOT! IF YOU ASK ME, THOSE "ACCUSATIONS" ARE TRUE, AND SOMEONE WHO KNOWS IT IS...

BATMAN! LOOK AT THE NEWS-SIGN UP THERE!



BATMAN CAN'T SAVE YOUR SECRET, SUPERMAN! YOU ARE CLARK KENT!

WE'LL FIND OUT WHO'S UP IN THAT SIGN-CONTROL ROOM! COME ON, ROBIN!

ANOTHER "ACCUSATION"-- RIGHT ON THE PLANET BUILDING ITSELF!



WE'LL GO UP THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING! WHO-EVER'S THERE WON'T EXPECT US THAT WAY!

CAN'T YOUR SUPER-POWERS STOP THE TRAFFIC DANGER ON EAST BOULEVARD, CLARK?

AND I'LL-- ER-- GO UP BY ELEVATOR!



WITHIN A FEW SHORT MOMENTS...

WARD, CLARK?

SWING ACROSS ON YOUR ROPE-- WE CAN CATCH HIM!

THERE HE GOES, BATMAN!





GOT HIM!

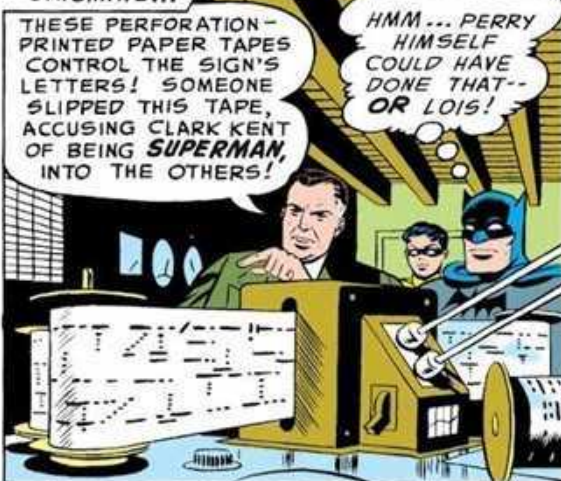
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WHAT IS THIS?

WHY, IT'S PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE **PLANET**! DID YOU FLASH THAT MESSAGE ON THE NEWS-SIGN, PERRY?

OF COURSE NOT! I JUST CAME UP TO SEE WHY IN THUNDER THE CROWD WAS STARING UP HERE! COME INTO THE CONTROL ROOM, AND I'LL SHOW YOU!



SOON, WHERE THE GIANT NEWS FLASHES ORIGINATE...



THESE PERFORATION-PRINTED PAPER TAPES CONTROL THE SIGN'S LETTERS! SOMEONE SLIPPED THIS TAPE, ACCUSING CLARK KENT OF BEING **SUPERMAN**, INTO THE OTHERS!

HMM... PERRY HIMSELF COULD HAVE DONE THAT--OR LOIS!

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THAT IDIOT KENT ANYWAY? HE'S THE CENTER OF ALL THIS NONSENSE!

HE MUST HAVE SLIPPED AWAY!



OF COURSE... CLARK HAD TO CHANGE TO **SUPERMAN** TO ANSWER THAT WARNING ABOUT THE TRAFFIC DANGER!



SMALL WONDER THAT KENT SLIPPED OFF... THESE PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS THAT HE'S **SUPERMAN** ARE MAKING HIS LIFE MISERABLE! WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT WHO'S BEHIND THEM!

HMPH-- THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THIS WHOLE BUSINESS! WHO WOULD MAKE SUCH CHARGES JUST TO TORTURE CLARK?



LATER, WHEN THE DUO DEPARTS...

LOIS IS RIGHT... THERE **IS** SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THESE ACCUSATIONS-- AND WE'D BETTER CHECK WITH **SUPERMAN** ABOUT IT!

LET'S HOPE IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG... COMMISSIONER GORDON CAN'T KEEP COVERING FOR US IN GOTHAM CITY, THE WAY HE DID TODAY!

MEANWHILE, WHERE SUPERMAN HAS BEEN BUSY, CURBING A CHRONIC TRAFFIC DANGER...



HA, HA--
I TOLD
YOU I'D
BEAT
HIM!

HE HASN'T
WON YET...
I'M STILL IN
THIS RACE!

SINCE YOU
TWO LIKE
TO RACE
AND SPEED...

... I'LL SHOW
YOU SOME
REAL SPEED!
HOW'S THIS?

SUPERMAN! PLEASE-- PUT ME
DOWN... I'LL NEVER SPEED ON
THE BOULEVARD AGAIN!



LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE,
BEFORE
SUPERMAN
GRABS US,
TOO!



BATMAN!

Y-YOU, TOO?

Y-GULP! N-NOW I
KNOW IT'S TIME TO
MEND MY WAYS!
I GIVE UP!

UH-UH...
BACK YOU GO!
SUPERMAN
HAS A FEW
THINGS TO
SAY TO
YOU!

THAT CALMED THEM
DOWN, SUPERMAN!
WHOEVER ACCUSED
YOU AT LEAST DID A
GOOD TURN BY POINT-
ING OUT THIS
TRAFFIC DANGER!

AND AFTER A STERN LECTURE TO THE STARTLED SPEEDERS...

THAT'S WHAT PUZZLES ME... WHY
WOULD SOMEONE TRYING TO
EXPOSE YOUR IDENTITY
ALSO POINT OUT GOOD
SERVICES YOU COULD
PERFORM? WOULD LOIS
OR PERRY DO IT-- FOR
A BIG STORY?



WELL-- A REPORTER
OR EDITOR CAN
NEVER RESIST A
BIG STORY... YET,
HOW COULD PERRY
OR LOIS KNOW
MY IDENTITY?

THAT'S
THE
PUZZLE!
ONLY
ROBIN
AND I
KNOW IT--
AND YET...

OH, OH-- LOOK
AT THAT!
THIS TIME
YOU'RE BEING
EXPOSED IN
A BIG
WAY!

CLARK KENT, IF
YOU'RE NOT SUPERMAN YOU
CAN PROVE IT BY APPEAR-
ING WITH SUPERMAN
AT THE NEW SUPER-
AQUARIUM!

THAT'S TOO
MUCH! I'M
GOING TO FIND
OUT WHO'S IN
THAT PLANE!

FOR SUPERMAN TO OVERTAKE A SPEEDING PLANE AND QUESTION ITS PILOT TAKES BUT A FEW SECONDS...

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO HIRED HIM TO WRITE THAT MESSAGE! ALL HE GOT WAS A LETTER CONTAINING HIS SKYWRITING FEE AND THE MESSAGE TO WRITE!

THAT'S BAD-- BECAUSE HOW CAN YOU AND CLARK BOTH APPEAR AT THE AQUARIUM EVENT?

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY... WITH YOUR MAKE-UP SKILL, **BATMAN**, YOU CAN **IMPERSONATE** CLARK KENT, WHILE I APPEAR AS **SUPERMAN**!

BUT I MUST GET BACK TO GOTHAM CITY, IN CASE THE VAREL MOB PULLS OFF THAT RUMORED BIG JOB! OH, WELL-- I GUESS THIS TASK SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN A FEW HOURS!

SO AWHILE LATER, IN CLARK'S APARTMENT, BATMAN'S WIZARDRY WITH WAX AND GREASEPAINT PRODUCES AN AMAZING TRANSFORMATION...

THE CLARK KENT CLOTHES FIT NICELY! I'LL REPORT TO THE **PLANET** WHILE YOU GO ON TO THE AQUARIUM!

AND REMEMBER-- LOIS IS SUSPICIOUS... YOU MUSTN'T MAKE THE SLIGHTEST BLUNDER!

I WON'T... AND IF MY DEDUCTIONS ARE CORRECT, NEITHER LOIS NOR PERRY IS SENDING THOSE ACCUSATIONS!

WELL, I SURE WISH YOU'D FIGURE OUT WHO ELSE MIGHT BE DOING IT, BEFORE IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO RETURN TO GOTHAM CITY!

OUTSIDE, SOON AFTER...

ROBIN, YOU CAN RETURN NOW, AND TALK TO COMMISSIONER GORDON! ASK HIM IF HE ACTUALLY **SAW** ME YESTERDAY!

BUT HOW COULD HE HAVE, WHEN YOU'RE UP HERE IN METROPOLIS? OH, WELL-- I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY!

AND AT THE PLANET, A LITTLE LATER...

DID YOU SEE THAT SKYWRITTEN ACCUSATION? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET OUT OF IT, CLARK KENT?

THERE'S NOTHING TO "GET OUT OF," LOIS! I'M SIMPLY GOING TO PROVE HOW SILLY IT ALL IS, BY **APPEARING WITH SUPERMAN!**

GOOD... I'M GOING WITH YOU AND SEE THIS FOR MYSELF-- IF IT REALLY HAPPENS!

GLADLY, LOIS! IN FACT, I WANT **EVERYBODY** IN METROPOLIS TO SEE IT! THAT WOULD QUASH THIS SILLY ACCUSATION ONCE AND FOR ALL!



SO LATER, AT THE SITE WHERE SUPERMAN HAS PROMISED TO ERECT A NEW **SUPER-AQUARIUM**...

WHERE IS THIS NEW AQUARIUM? I DON'T SEE IT!

DON'T WORRY... **SUPERMAN** WILL MAKE GOOD ON HIS PROMISE! SAY, ISN'T THAT CLARK KENT OVER THERE? MAYBE HE'S NOT **SUPERMAN** AFTER ALL!

THAT BUZZ FROM MY BELT-RADIO... IT'S **ROBIN** CALLING! I CAN GET HIS MESSAGE BY PRETENDING TO FIX MY SHOE-LACE...



BATMAN, COMMISSIONER GORDON SAYS HE **SAW**

YOU HUNTING FOR THE YARREL MOB! SOMEONE'S IMPERSONATING YOU HERE IN GOTHAM CITY!

I THOUGHT SO! GET THE **BAT-PLANE** AND COME PICK ME UP! I'LL MEET YOU OUTSIDE METROPOLIS, WHERE WE MET **SUPERMAN**!



AND AT THAT MOMENT...

LOOK... THERE COMES **SUPERMAN** WITH THE NEW AQUARIUM!

WHY-- WHY, IT IS **SUPERMAN**... AND YOU'RE RIGHT BESIDE ME, CLARK! THEN ALL THOSE ACCUSATIONS WERE FALSE!



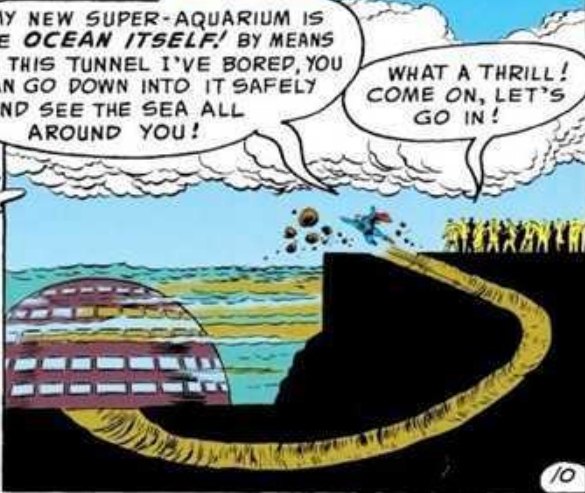
I DON'T GET IT! HE'S PUTTING THE AQUARIUM UNDER WATER!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE UP TO?

THE EXPLANATION COMES WITHIN A FEW SHORT MOMENTS...

MY NEW **SUPER-AQUARIUM** IS THE **OCEAN ITSELF**! BY MEANS OF THIS TUNNEL I'VE BORED, YOU CAN GO DOWN INTO IT SAFELY AND SEE THE SEA ALL AROUND YOU!

WHAT A THRILL! COME ON, LET'S GO IN!



THEN, AS THE MAN OF STEEL ROCKETS AWAY...

SO YOU'RE NOT SUPERMAN! BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE MAKE ALL THOSE FALSE ACCUSATIONS?

I THINK I KNOW WHY--AND WHO! ER... NOW THAT YOU'VE SATISFIED YOURSELF IT'S A SILLY HOAX, I'LL BE ABOUT MY OWN AFFAIRS, LOIS!



AND WHEN THE BLACK-WINGED BAT-PLANE STARTS ITS RETURN TRIP TOWARD GOTHAM CITY...

BUT BATMAN, ONLY YOU AND I KNOW SUPERMAN'S IDENTITY!

NO, ROBIN... ONE OTHER PERSON KNOWS IT! AND IF I'M RIGHT, THAT'S THE PERSON WHO'S BEEN IMPERSONATING ME IN GOTHAM CITY!



BUT ONCE INSIDE--AN ELABORATE TRAP!

WE DID IT! OUR RUMORS AND "CLUES" LED BATMAN TO WALK RIGHT INTO OUR AMBUSH!

AND THAT SUPER-KNOCKOUT GAS WILL KEEP HIM UNCONSCIOUS AS LONG AS WE LIKE! THE BIGGEST JOB WE EVER PLANNED-- GETTING RID OF BATMAN-- AND IT WORKED!



AN HOUR LATER, IN A RENDEZVOUS OUTSIDE METROPOLIS...



INDEED, EVEN AS BATMAN RACES HOMEWARD, HIS IMPERSONATOR AGAIN GOES INTO ACTION...



DONNING RESPIRATORS, THE MOBSTERS EMERGE INTO THE LETHAL CHAMBER...

WE'LL JUST SEE WHO HE IS, BEFORE WE PULL OUR FIRST BIG JOB!

YEAH, TAKE OFF HIS MASK, BOSS!



HUH?... IT'S **SUPERMAN!** AND HE WASN'T AFFECTED BY THE GAS!

EXACTLY, VARREL... AND THAT'S JUST WHY I IMPERSONATED **BATMAN!** BECAUSE I'M INVULNERABLE TO ALL PHYSICAL HARM, I COULD SPRING YOUR TRAP WITHOUT DANGER!

AND AS THE FRIGHTENED CRIMINALS MAKE A DASH FOR FREEDOM...

THE TRAIL OF MY IMPERSONATOR WASN'T HARD TO FOLLOW... AND IT SEEMS HE'S ALREADY FOUND THE VARREL MOB!

THEN **SUPERMAN** WAS THE ONE WHO'S BEEN IMPERSONATING YOU HERE IN GOTHAM CITY!

WE RUN AWAY FROM **SUPERMAN** INTO **BATMAN'S** HANDS! THAT'S TOO MUCH!

I FOUND OUT WHO WAS ACCUSING YOU OF BEING CLARK KENT! IT WAS THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO KNEW YOUR IDENTITY! YOU SENT ALL THOSE ACCUSATIONS, **SUPERMAN!**

YES, BUT I HAD A GOOD REASON!

AND SO, IT'S A SADLY PUZZLED LOIS LANE WHO CONFRONTS CLARK KENT THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

I HEARD THE RUMORS THAT VARREL WAS GOING TO GET RID OF YOU, **BATMAN**-- AND I SUSPECTED A DEADLY TRAP! I ALSO KNEW YOU WOULDN'T QUIT HUNTING THIS DANGEROUS MOB FOR ANY OTHER REASON, SO I PRETENDED I NEEDED YOU!

AND YOU GOT ME OUT OF GOTHAM CITY THAT WAY!

ACTUALLY, I BEGAN TO SUSPECT YOU WHEN I SAW THAT JUNK-RUBBER BALLOON FUSED BY **SUPER-PRESSURE!** AND EVERY CLUE THAT POINTED TO LOIS AND PERRY ALSO POINTED TO YOU, THE ONLY "OTHER PERSON" WHO KNOWS YOUR IDENTITY!

SMART... I ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE!

IF CLARK WAS **SUPERMAN**, HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN **BATMAN** TO DOUBLE AS "CLARK" THAT NIGHT, BUT THEN, **BATMAN** WAS DOWN IN GOTHAM CITY WITH **SUPERMAN**, AND--

AND... OH, I GIVE UP!

THE END.



ALL NEW STORIES

NOV.-DEC. NO. 79

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

Featuring
"The **THREE**
MAGICIANS
OF
BAGDAD!"



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
RED 'S' & 'M' COPY

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

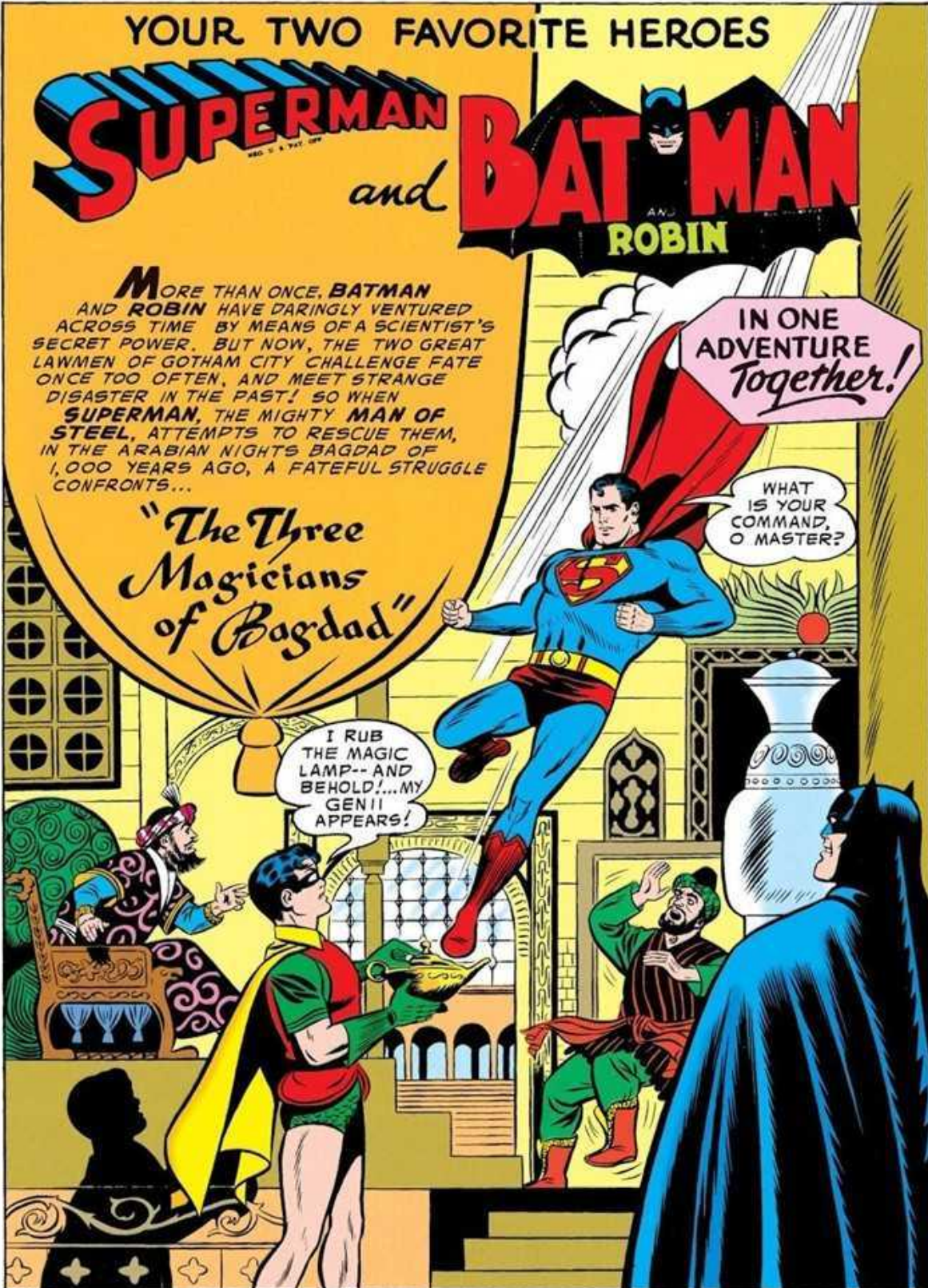
MORE THAN ONCE, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE DARINGLY VENTURED ACROSS TIME BY MEANS OF A SCIENTIST'S SECRET POWER. BUT NOW, THE TWO GREAT LAWYEN OF GOTHAM CITY CHALLENGE FATE ONCE TOO OFTEN, AND MEET STRANGE DISASTER IN THE PAST! SO WHEN **SUPERMAN**, THE MIGHTY **MAN OF STEEL**, ATTEMPTS TO RESCUE THEM, IN THE ARABIAN NIGHTS BAGDAD OF 1,000 YEARS AGO, A FATEFUL STRUGGLE CONFRONTS...

*"The Three
Magicians
of Bagdad"*

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

WHAT
IS YOUR
COMMAND,
O MASTER?

I RUB
THE MAGIC
LAMP-- AND
BEHOLD!...MY
GENII
APPEARS!



MIDNIGHT, AND GOTHAM CITY SLEEPS--BUT IN HIS SECLUDED LABORATORY, A FRANTIC SCIENTIST STRUGGLES WITH A TERRIBLE PROBLEM...

COME BACK TO 1955!
COME BACK, ACROSS
TIME, FROM THE PAST!

IT'S NO USE...
MY HYPNOTIC
TIME-FORCE
CAN'T DRAW
THEM BACK!



DR. CARTER NICHOLS, WHOSE SCIENTIFIC POWER CAN SEND LIVING MEN ACROSS TIME, HAS PERFORMED THIS AMAZING FEAT ONCE TOO OFTEN...

SOMETHING HAS
TRAPPED THEM
THERE, 1,000
YEARS IN THE
PAST, AND NO-
BODY CAN
REACH THEM
NOW--UNLESS...
WAIT! THERE
IS SOMEONE
WHO MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO!



SOON, IN DISTANT METROPOLIS, TO THE DAILY PLANET COMES AN AGONIZED APPEAL...

YES, THIS TELE-
TYPE MESSAGE
JUST CAME FROM
GOTHAM CITY--THAT
DR. CARTER NICHOLS
IS URGENTLY CALLING
SUPERMAN!

NICHOLS IS A
REPUTABLE SCIENTIST.
I'LL SEE IF I CAN
FIND **SUPERMAN**
AND TELL HIM!



"FINDING" SUPERMAN IS NOT HARD FOR REPORTER CLARK KENT, WHO QUICKLY REPAIRS TO THE ROOF AND UNDERGOES A SWIFT TRANSFORMATION...

STRANGE, THOUGH... IF DR. NICHOLS
NEEDS HELP, WHY CAN'T HE CALL ON
**BATMAN AND
ROBIN?**



**YOU'LL
SOON
LEARN THE
STARTLING
ANSWER,
SUPERMAN--
FOR WITHIN
A FEW
SHORT
MINUTES,
AT DR.
NICHOLS'
LABORATORY...**

...YES, I SENT MY FRIENDS
BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK
GRAYSON 1,000 YEARS
INTO THE PAST-- INTO
THE BAGDAD OF THE
ARABIAN
NIGHTS-- TO SOLVE
A SCIENTIFIC MYSTERY...
AND NOW I CAN'T
BRING THEM BACK!
THEY'RE TRAPPED
THERE!

BRUCE
WAYNE?...
DICK
GRAYSON?
WHY, THOSE
ARE THE
SECRET
IDENTITIES
OF **BATMAN
AND ROBIN!**

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE
TO HELP THEM, IF ANYBODY COULD!
I'LL CERTAINLY TRY,
DR. NICHOLS...



AND IN A DESPERATE EMERGENCY, **SUPERMAN** USES HIS FULL AWESOME SPEED TO BREAK THROUGH THE BARRIERS OF TIME AND SPACE...

BATMAN AND ROBIN--
THE GREAT DUO OF
GOTHAM CITY... WHAT
COULD HAVE
TRAPPED THEM
IN THE
PAST?



TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, WE MUST GO BACK SOME DAYS, TO THE ORIGIN OF A STRANGE JOURNEY...

...YES, MY FRIENDS,
THE TRADITION OF
A **MAGNETIC MOUNTAIN**
NEAR ANCIENT
BAGDAD IS A
GREAT SCIENTIFIC
MYSTERY! COULD
SUCH A THING
HAVE EXISTED?

DICK
AND I
WILL SOLVE
THAT MYSTERY
FOR YOU IF WE
CAN, SIR!



AMID STRANGE TRAPPINGS, THE
BRILLIANT SCIENTIST PLACED
THE PAIR INTO AN HYPNOTIC TRANCE
AS...

BACK... BACK IN TIME...
TO THE BAGDAD OF 1,000
YEARS AGO... BACK...



A SENSATION OF FALLING, A FEELING OF DIZZINESS
AND DARKNESS --AND TWO MODERN AMERICANS
AWAKE TO FIND THEMSELVES IN...

BUT IT'S THE
MAGNETIC MOUNTAIN
MYSTERY WE CAME
TO INVESTIGATE! HM...
SAILORS USUALLY
KNOW A LOT ABOUT
PLACES... WE'LL
GET INTO OUR
COSTUMES, AND
ASK THEM!

ANCIENT
BAGDAD!
WHAT A
PLACE!



BUT AFTER SWITCHING TO **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN**, THE DUO GET LITTLE
ENCOURAGEMENT IN THEIR
SCIENTIFIC QUEST...

LEGENDS DON'T
FRIGHTEN US...
WE WANT TO
LOOK IT OVER--
SO WE'LL HIRE
THAT SMALL
SAILBOAT!

YES, THE TERRIBLE
MAGNETIC MOUNTAIN
DOES EXIST ON THE
SEACOAST NEAR
HERE-- BUT YOU
DARE NOT
APPROACH
IT!



THUS, SHORTLY AFTER, ON THE NEARBY SEA-
COAST...

THE BOAT'S
BREAKING
UP... THE
NAILS ARE
FLYING
OUT OF
IT!

THE MOUNTAIN **IS**
MAGNETIC--IT'S A
GIANT MAGNETIC
METEORITE THAT
MUST'VE LANDED HERE
YEARS AGO! IT PULLED
THE NAILS OUT OF THE
BOAT, AND IT'S PULLING
US BY THE STEEL GAD-
GETS IN OUR UTILITY-
BELTS! TRY TO
GET THEM OFF...



BUT
ALREADY,
A MIGHTY
FORCE
WAS
DRAWING
THE
DYNAMIC
DUO
SWIFTLY
AND
IRRESIST-
IBLY UP-
WARD...

WE HAVEN'T TIME TO GET
ALL THE IRON AND STEEL
OFF US! USE YOUR CAPE AS
AN AIR-BRAKE, TO KEEP
FROM HITTING THAT
CLIFF TOO HARD!

THE MAGNETIC FORCE
HOLDS US FAST! WE
COULD GET RID OF THE
STEEL AND IRON PAR-
TICLES ON US NOW, BUT
THEN WE'D ONLY FALL
ONTO THE ROCKS
BELOW!

AND THE CLIFF'S
TOO SMOOTH TO FASTEN
OUR ROPES TO! OUR
BEST CHANCE IS TO
WAIT UNTIL DR. NICHOLS
DRAWS US BACK
TO OUR OWN
TIME!

GOT
IT!

**BUT AS TIME ELAPSED, THERE CAME A
DISMAYING REALIZATION...**

NICHOLS SHOULD
HAVE DRAWN US
BACK ACROSS
TIME BY NOW!
WHY HASN'T HE?

WAIT--THAT
YOUNG FELLOW UP
THERE ... **HE**
CAN'T HAVE ANY
IRON OR STEEL ON
HIM, OR HE'D ALSO
BE TRAPPED!

PROBABLY THE
TERRIFIC MAGNETIC
FORCES OF THIS
METEOR-MOUN-
TAIN INTERFERE
WITH HIS TIME-
FORCE! IF SO, HE'S
TRIED AND FAILED--
AND WE'RE MAROONED
HERE!

I'LL TOSS
THE END OF MY
ROPE UP TO
HIM... HE CAN
HELP US!

AND IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

**HAVING MADE THEMSELVES NON-MAGNETIC,
THE DUO SOON CLIMBED TO SAFETY...**

HE'S GOT
HOLD OF MY
ROPE! NOW, IF
WE GET RID OF
OUR STEEL IRON
GADGETS, WE
CAN CLIMB
UP!

YOU DID US A BIG FAVOR,
WHOEVER YOU ARE! LUCKY
THAT LAMP YOU'RE CARRY-
ING IS MADE OF NON-
MAGNETIC METAL, OR
YOU'D HAVE BEEN
HELPLESS LIKE US!

I'M GLAD TO BE
OF ASSISTANCE--
FOR I KNOW WHAT
IT IS TO NEED
HELP! MY NAME
IS -- **ALADDIN!**

BUT WE'LL
STILL BE
MAROONED
HERE IN
THE PAST!

AND SO, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AS SUPERMAN STARTS HIS EPIC FLIGHT THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER...



...BATMAN AND ROBIN, IN THE PAST, MEET A FAMOUS FIGURE OF LEGEND...

ALADDIN--WHOSE ENCHANTED LAMP COULD SUMMON A GENII TO DO MAGIC?

NO, STRANGERS, THIS LAMP HASN'T ANY MAGIC POWERS... BUT ABDULLAH, THE GREAT MAGICIAN OF BAGDAD, SAID IT DID--AND I PAID HIM ALL MY INHERITANCE FOR IT, SO I COULD HELP THE POOR OF BAGDAD WITH ITS POWERS!



PRESENTLY, IN THE HEART OF THE ANCIENT CITY...

WHEN I DEMANDED ABDULLAH GIVE BACK MY INHERITANCE, HE ACCUSED ME OF BEING ONE OF THE MYSTERIOUS 40 THIEVES OF BAGDAD--AND I HAD TO FLEE THE CITY!

ALADDIN, YOU DID US A GREAT FAVOR--SO LEND US THAT LAMP, AND WAIT HERE! WE'LL TRY TO CLEAR YOU AND GET YOUR INHERITANCE BACK!

WELL, SINCE WE'RE MAROONED IN THE PAST, IT'S AT LEAST IN A COLORFUL PLACE! BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET ALADDIN'S FORTUNE BACK?

IF WE COULD MAKE ABDULLAH THE MAGICIAN THINK THIS LAMP REALLY HAS MAGIC POWERS, HE'D WANT TO BUY IT BACK!



SO THE DYNAMIC DUO PREPARES TO EXHIBIT SOME 20TH CENTURY "MAGIC"...

IF YOUR LAMP HAS MAGIC POWERS, SHOW THEM!

I WILL! I'LL ORDER THE GENII OF THE LAMP TO START THAT TRASH PILE SMOKING!

SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT, WITH THIS SMOKE PELLET FROM MY UTILITY-BELT!

AND AS THE "GENII" TOSSES HIS UNIQUE LITTLE MISSILE...

LOOK! THE TRASH IS INDEED SMOKING!

TRULY, THIS LAD IS AS FINE A MAGICIAN AS THE GREAT ABDULLAH HIMSELF!



ABDULLAH IS NOT SO GREAT... HE SOLD THIS MAGIC LAMP FOR MERE MONEY!

THAT SHOULD MAKE HIM WANT TO BUY IT BACK! AND ONCE WE'VE REGAINED ALADDIN'S INHERITANCE, WE CAN CLEAR UP THIS CHARGE THAT HE'S ONE OF THE THIEVES!

BUT ABDULLAH, THE CRAFTY MAGICIAN OF BAGDAD, IS NOT SO EASILY TAKEN IN...

THEIR TRICKS ARE A DEVICE TO MAKE ME BUY BACK ALADDIN'S LAMP--BUT I WILL SHOW THEM HOW I DEAL WITH RIVALS!



IN THE PALACE OF THE GREAT CAUPH, RULER OF BAGDAD, THEY MEET THEIR ACCUSER...

ABRUPTLY, MINUTES LATER...

WE ARREST YOU IN THE NAME OF THE CALIPH! YOU ARE CHARGED WITH BEING SECRET SPIES OF THE 40 THIEVES! COME WITH US!

IT'S NONSENSE! WHO COULD MAKE SUCH A CHARGE?

THESE TWO ARE FALSE MAGICIANS-- THEIR TRICKS ARE HOAXES! IN REALITY, THEY WORK FOR THE MYSTERIOUS 40 THIEVES WHO PREY ON OUR CITY!

UNLESS YOU CAN PROVE THAT YOU ARE MAGICIANS, I SHALL BELIEVE ABDULLAH'S CHARGE! DO SOME GREAT FEAT-- NOT A PETTY TRICK!



WE'RE SUNK--BUT I'LL HAVE TO MAKE A TRY! OH, GENII OF THE LAMP, I COMMAND YOU TO PROVE THAT OUR MAGIC IS REAL!

I HEAR AND OBEY, MASTER!

WHY-- WHAT--THAT VOICE...

OUTSIDE

LUCKY I BURST THROUGH THE BARRIER AND ARRIVED IN TIME TO PICK UP THAT CONVERSATION WITH MY SUPER-HEARING!

IS THIS PROOF ENOUGH, MASTER OF THE LAMP?





SUPERMAN!
ER-- I MEAN-- YES,
GENII, YOU MAY PUT
THE PALACE DOWN
NOW!

LATER, BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR THE WHOLE STORY...
...AND AT DR. NICHOLS' REQUEST, I CAME TO RESCUE YOU FROM THIS TIME!
BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL WE'VE HELPED THE BOY ALADDIN, WHO HELPED US!



THESE ARE NO FALSE MAGICIANS-- THEIR MAGIC IS GREAT INDEED, TO CALL THAT MIGHTY GENII TO THEIR ORDERS!

YES, I WAS WRONG... THEIR LAMP **IS** ONE OF GREAT POWER!

AND I MUST HAVE IT BACK!

I WILL GIVE BACK ALADDIN'S INHERITANCE FOR THAT LAMP... IF YOU COME TO MY PALACE, I WILL PAY IT NOW!

VERY WELL... ACCOMPANY ME, GENII!

AND WHILE YOU GET HIS INHERITANCE BACK, I'LL TRY TO TRAIL DOWN THE 40 THIEVES AND CLEAR HIM!



SOON, AT ABDULLAH'S PALACE...

OF COURSE, I MUST FIRST SEE PROOF THAT THE GENII OF THE LAMP WILL OBEY **ME**! HAVE HIM BRING ME A BLOCK OF ICE FROM THE FAR NORTH, TO COOL MY PALACE!

ER-- OBEY THE ORDER, GENII!

I OBEY!

BUT THE MOMENT SUPERMAN FLIES OFF...



WHAT?... WHO?...

THE FAMOUS 40 THIEVES, OF WHOM I AM THE SECRET LEADER! TAKE HIM OUT OF THE CITY TO OUR HIDDEN BASE... NOW THAT I HAVE HIS LAMP, WE CAN USE ITS MAGIC TO LOOT ALL BAGDAD!

MUFFLED AND BOUND, ROBIN IS TAKEN OUT OF BAGDAD...

NO IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING-- BUT IF I CAN GET MY TEETH INTO MY COSTUME, I CAN LEAVE A CLUE FOR **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** TO FOLLOW!



AND WHEN THE "GENII" RETURNS FROM A SWIFT TRIP TO THE ICY NORTH...

HERE IS THE ICE FROM THE NORTH-- BUT WHERE IS ROBIN-- I MEAN, MY YOUNG MASTER?

I OWN THE LAMP NOW, SO YOU WILL OBEY MY COMMANDS, GENII!



IF YOU HARM ME, GENII, YOU MAY NEVER SEE YOUR YOUNG MASTER AGAIN! OBEY MY COMMANDS!

HAVE TO PLAY GENII FOR THIS RASCAL TILL I FIND OUT WHAT HE'S DONE WITH **ROBIN**... WHAT ARE YOUR COMMANDS?

BRING ME **GOLD** FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH-- AS MUCH GOLD AS YOU CAN CARRY!

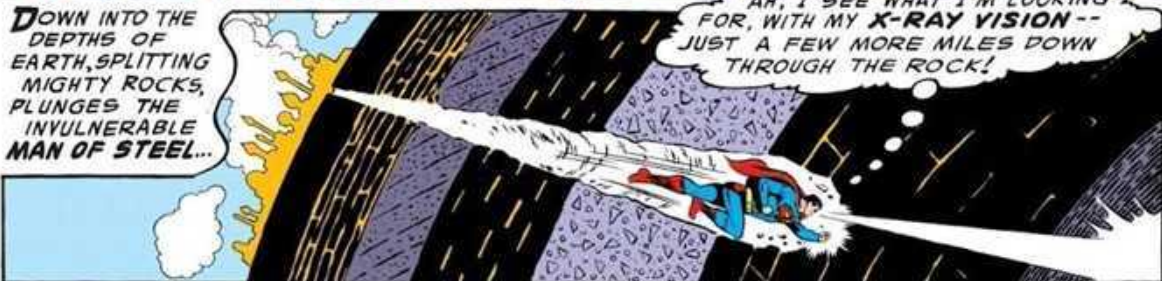


I OBEY...

BUT IN A WAY THAT WON'T PROFIT THIS SCOUNDREL!

DOWN INTO THE DEPTHS OF EARTH, SPLITTING MIGHTY ROCKS, PLUNGES THE INVULNERABLE MAN OF STEEL...

AH, I SEE WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR, WITH MY **X-RAY VISION**-- JUST A FEW MORE MILES DOWN THROUGH THE ROCK!



AND IN A FIERY CAVERN DEEP BENEATH EARTH'S SURFACE...

IT'S SO HOT HERE, THE GOLD ORE HAS MELTED INTO A POOL-- AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT! BUT FIRST I HAVE TO SHAPE A CONTAINER OF FIRE-RESISTANT ROCK, TO CARRY IT IN!



SECONDS LATER...



AND WHEN **SUPERMAN** HAS CARRIED OUT THAT ORDER...

THIS GENII IS AS STUPID AS HE IS POWERFUL--BUT I WILL MAKE HIM PROVIDE ME WITH A WEAPON SO WE CAN LOOT THE CITY!

GENII, FETCH ME THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON IN THE WORLD!



APPROACHING NEARBY STORM-CLOUDS, HE MAKES HIMSELF INTO A **HUMAN CONDUCTOR**, TO PROVIDE ABDULLAH WITH...

INSTANTLY, THE **MAN OF STEEL** ZOOMS INTO ACTION...



BACK IN THE COURTYARD...

THIS GENII IS TRYING TO OUT-WIT ME--BUT HE WILL NOT SUCCEED WITH MY NEXT ORDER!

CAN'T SEE **ROBIN** ANYWHERE IN THE CITY, WITH MY **X-RAY VISION**... AND **BATMAN**, WHO'S HUNTING FOR THE MYSTERIOUS 40 THIEVES, DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THAT **ROBIN'S** IN DANGER!



BUT BATMAN, FOLLOWING A TRAIL OUTSIDE THE CITY, IS ABOUT TO FIND OUT...

EVERY WITNESS SAYS THE 40 THIEVES RIDE IN FROM THE DESERT, COMMIT THEIR ROBBERIES, THEN RIDE OUT THIS WAY AND... WAIT! THAT'S ROBIN'S CHEST-EMBLEM!

TORN THREADS--AND TEETH-MARKS IN IT... ROBIN TORE THIS LOOSE WITH HIS TEETH! THAT MEANS HE MUST HAVE BEEN BOUND, AND LEFT THIS AS A CLUE!

AFTER A HASTY SEARCH OF THE AREA...

HMM...THIS LOOKS LIKE AN ANCIENT AQUEDUCT-- AND A POSSIBLE HIDEOUT ROUTE! I THINK I'LL FOLLOW IT!

SURE ENOUGH, IN A TORCH-LIT PLACE UP AHEAD...

AN ANCIENT, BURIED RUIN... THE HIDDEN BASE OF THE 40 THIEVES! AND THERE'S ROBIN, THEIR PRISONER!

IT'S TIME TO RIDE TO BAGDAD FOR OUR RAID, AS ABDULLAH ORDERED! YOU TWO STAY HERE AND GUARD THE PRISONER!

MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN HAS RECEIVED A COMMAND THAT STAGGERS EVEN A "GENII"...

BRING, FOR ALL BAGDAD TO SEE, A ROC-- THE GIANT BIRD WHOSE WINGS SHADOW THE SKY!

YES, MASTER!

SINCE THE ROC WAS A MYTHICAL BIRD, I CAN'T FURNISH THE REAL THING THIS TIME...

...BUT I CAN BRING HIM A GOOD IMITATION. I'LL NEED LOTS OF LUMBER, AND THESE TREES WILL FURNISH IT!



NOW TO SQUEEZE SOME IRON FOR BOLTS OUT OF THESE ROCKS, SO I CAN FASTEN MY WOODEN BIRD TOGETHER...



TO BE REALISTIC, MY "ROC" HAS TO FLAP ITS WINGS AS IT FLIES... I CAN MAKE IT DO THAT WITHOUT BEING SEEN BY ANYONE BELOW!

AND OVER BAGDAD COMES AN ENORMOUS, SKY-SHADOWING CREATURE OF FABLE...



LOOK... A ROC!

IT CAN'T BE REAL... BUT IT IS!

IT IS THEN THAT A CRAFTY MAGICIAN AND HIS THIEF-FOLLOWERS SEIZE THEIR CHANCE...

WHILE THE ROC I HAD THE GENII BRING AMAZES THE CITY, WE WILL STRIKE AND LOOT ALL THE JEWELERS AND MERCHANTS!

BUT LOOK-- THE ROC IS TURNING BACK TOWARD US!



THE MONSTER WILL ATTACK US! FLEE!

BACK TO OUR UNDERGROUND HIDING-PLACE... HE CAN'T GET US THERE!

BUT IN THE BURIED HIDEOUT, ANOTHER CRIME-BUSTER HAS ALREADY GONE INTO ACTION...



BATMAN! I KNEW YOU OR SUPERMAN WOULD FIND THE CLUE I DROPPED!

I'LL DISCARD THIS "ROC" AND USE A SAFER METHOD TO ROUND UP THIS ROBBER BAND, SO NO ONE GETS HURT... THEN I CAN SEARCH FOR ROBIN!

I HAD TO WAIT TILL THOSE OTHER THIEVES RODE OUT... THESE TWO I CAN TAKE CARE OF! THEN WE'LL HURRY AFTER THAT BAND!

BUT AS THE DUO EMERGES FROM THE UNDERGROUND HIDING PLACE...

THE TWO STRANGERS--
CUT THEM
DOWN!

WE CAN'T STAND
THEM ALL OFF,
BATMAN!

**SUDDENLY, FROM THE SKY, STRIKES A STRANGE
FORCE...**

OUR
SCIMITARS--
THEY FLY
UPWARD!
WE'RE
DISARMED!

I FIGURED
THIS MAGNET-
MOUNTAIN THAT
BATMAN TOLD
ME ABOUT WOULD
WORK NICELY!

LATER, AT THE CALIPH'S PALACE...

YOUR CATCHING
THE REAL THIEVES
CLEARS ALADDIN--
AND HIS INHERITANCE
IS RESTORED TO
HIM!

THANK
YOU,
STRANGERS...
YOU MADE
MY LAMP REALLY
WORK MAGIC!

AND NOW,
BACK TO OUR
OWN TIME...

NOW I'LL JUST
REMOVE THIS DANGER
TO NAVIGATION BY
HURLING IT BACK OUT
INTO SPACE! THEN
I'LL GATHER UP
THESE BAGDAD
THIEVES!

THE GENII
REVOLTED AGAINST
ME... I CAN'T UNDER-
STAND IT!

**AND AS THE TERRIFIC TRIO BREAK THROUGH THE
TIME-BARRIER, BACK TO 1955...**

WE'LL CHANGE TO BRUCE
AND DICK, AND LET
DR. NICHOLS KNOW
WE'RE BACK-- AND
ALSO GIVE HIM THE
ANSWER TO HIS
SCIENTIFIC
QUESTION!

LOOK, LOOK!
A REAL
**FLYING
CARPET!**

DON'T BE SILLY...
IT'S PROBABLY
SOME RIGGED-UP
PUBLICITY STUNT
FOR THE MOVIES!

JUST STAND
WHERE YOU ARE
AND I'LL MAKE
THIS CARPET REALLY
FLY-- FAST ENOUGH
TO CARRY US FOR-
WARD THROUGH
TIME!

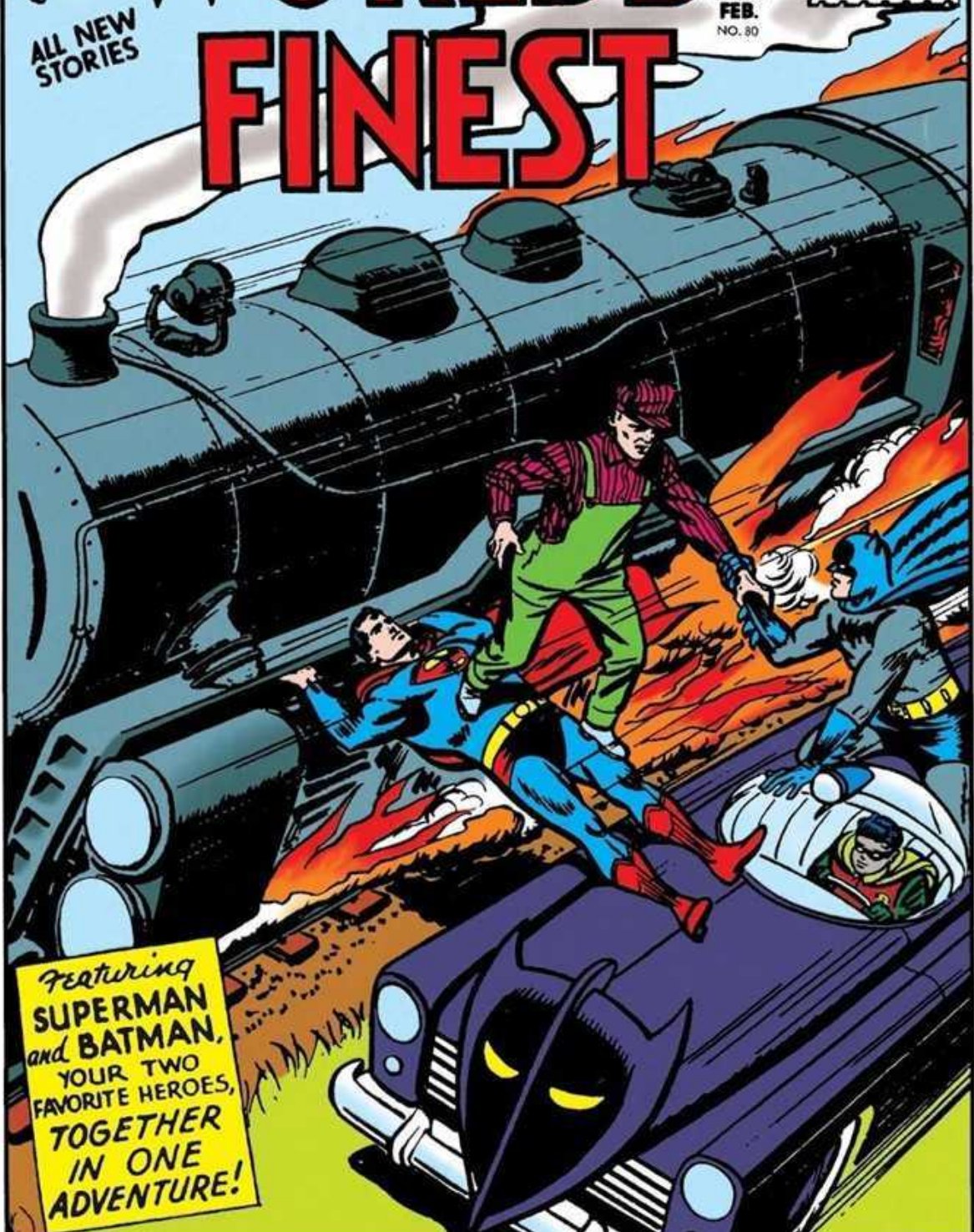


WORLD'S FINEST

ALL NEW
STORIES

JAN.
FEB.
NO. 80

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



Featuring
SUPERMAN
and BATMAN,
YOUR TWO
FAVORITE HEROES,
TOGETHER
IN ONE
ADVENTURE!

YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN and BATMAN AND ROBIN

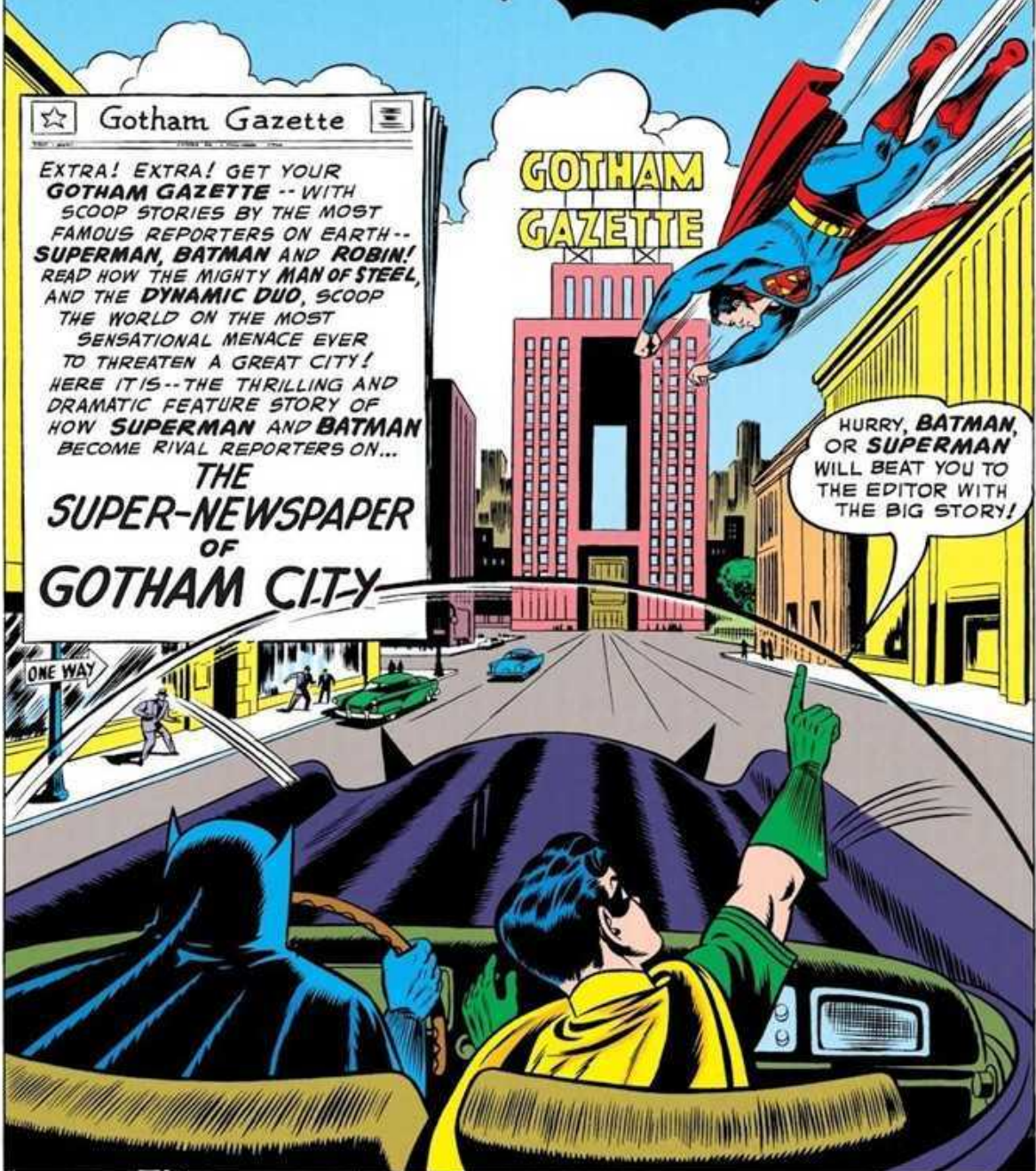
☆ Gotham Gazette

EXTRA! EXTRA! GET YOUR **GOTHAM GAZETTE** -- WITH SCOOP STORIES BY THE MOST FAMOUS REPORTERS ON EARTH-- **SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND ROBIN!** READ HOW THE MIGHTY **MAN OF STEEL**, AND THE **DYNAMIC DUO**, SCOOP THE WORLD ON THE MOST SENSATIONAL MENACE EVER TO THREATEN A GREAT CITY! HERE IT IS--THE THRILLING AND DRAMATIC FEATURE STORY OF HOW **SUPERMAN AND BATMAN** BECOME RIVAL REPORTERS ON...

THE
SUPER-NEWSPAPER
OF
GOTHAM CITY

GOTHAM
GAZETTE

HURRY, **BATMAN**,
OR **SUPERMAN**
WILL BEAT YOU TO
THE EDITOR WITH
THE BIG STORY!



FROM BEHIND A CLOSED DOOR IN A FAMOUS NEWSPAPER OFFICE, FAMILIAR WORDS RING FORTH...

BUT WAIT! LOOK WHO'S DOING THE SHOUTING-- AND WHO'S TAKING THE ORDERS!...

EDITOR

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WHAT KIND OF REPORTERS ARE YOU TWO? GET OUT AND BRING ME BACK A REAL STORY!

AND DON'T COME BACK HERE WITHOUT SOME REAL SCOOPS!

YES -- GULP! CHIEF!

WE'LL DO OUR BEST, ER--BOSS!

HOPE YOU GET A SCOOP, BRUCE-- EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE HAD NO NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE!

WELL-- I STUDIED SOME JOURNALISM BACK IN COLLEGE... THAT MIGHT HELP SOME, CLARK!

GOTHAM GAZETTE

FOR THE ANSWER, WE MUST GO BACK A FEW DAYS--TO A GREAT CRISIS IN THE HISTORY OF A FAMOUS NEWSPAPER...

YES, MR. HALL, THEY SAY THE COMPANY DIRECTORS WILL VOTE TO DISCONTINUE THE **GOTHAM GAZETTE** BECAUSE IT'S LOSING MONEY!

BUT--BUT I'M ON THE VERGE OF MY GREATEST STORY! HMM... ONE OF THOSE DIRECTORS-- BRUCE WAYNE--MIGHT HELP US! HE SEEMS A GOOD-HEARTED CHAP!

BUT HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE-- BRUCE WAYNE AND CLARK KENT WORKING AS REPORTERS FOR EDITOR LOIS LANE?

AND UPON SPEAKING TO WEALTHY "PLAYBOY" BRUCE WAYNE--WHO'S REALLY **BATMAN**...

YOU MUST CHANGE THEIR MINDS, MR. WAYNE! TELL THEM I'M WORKING ON A CRIME-EXPOSE STORY THAT'LL DOUBLE OUR SALES WHEN IT'S READY FOR PUBLICATION!

I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN, HALL... I WANT TO SAVE THE **GAZETTE**, TOO!

BUT AT THE DIRECTORS' MEETING...

YOU'VE MADE A STRONG PLEA FOR THE **GAZETTE**, BRUCE--BUT WE CAN ONLY PROMISE TO PUBLISH IT 30 DAYS MORE! UNLESS ITS CIRCULATION GOES UP BY THEN, IT'S THROUGH!

IN THAT CASE, HALL WILL NEED THE BEST REPORTERS AVAILABLE... AND I THINK I KNOW WHO CAN GET THEM FOR US!

RETURNING HOME, BRUCE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON--WHO'S ALSO **ROBIN**...

BUT WHAT'S THIS CRIME--EXPOSE HALL TALKED ABOUT, BRUCE?

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT, DICK-- BUT FIRST WE'VE A JOB TO DO AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!



HIGH IN THE NIGHT SKY, MINUTES LATER, **ROBIN** GOT HIS ANSWER...



REAL CLEVER, **BATMAN**... YOU'RE MAKING A FLAMING **S** WITH OUR JET EXHAUST! **SUPERMAN**, WITH HIS **TELESCOPIC VISION**, IS SURE TO SEE IT IN METROPOLIS!

AND HE CAN GET HERE FAST!

SHORTLY, DOWN IN THEIR SECRET **BAT-CAVE**...



OUR PAL **SUPERMAN**-- CAN GET THE REPORTERS WE NEED... BUT SINCE I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE GOTHAM CITY UNTIL THIS CRIME-RIDDLE IS SOLVED, I'M GOING TO CALL HIM HERE!

CALL HIM, WITH THE **BAT-PLANE**? I DON'T GET IT!

SURE ENOUGH, WITHIN A FEW SHORT SECONDS...

HELLO, FELLOWS... I CAUGHT THE **S-SIGN** AND FIGURED IT WAS YOU! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

A GREAT NEWSPAPER IS IN TROUBLE, **SUPERMAN**!

AND WHEN **SUPERMAN** HEARD OF THE CRISIS...



IN HIS EVERYDAY IDENTITY OF REPORTER CLARK KENT, **SUPERMAN** DECIDED TO APPEAL TO HIS BOSS' SENTIMENT, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

IMAGINE, LOIS, THE **GOOTHAM GAZETTE** SAYS IT NEEDS SOME GOOD REPORTERS, IF IT HOPES TO STAY IN BUSINESS... BUT WHO'D WANT TO WORK FOR THAT OLD SHEET?

WHY, YOU WHIPPER-SNAPPER! THE **GAZETTE** IS ONE OF THE GREATEST NEWSPAPERS! I WORKED FOR IT AS A CUB REPORTER... YET YOU SNIFF AT IT!

YOU'RE RIGHT... WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE **GAZETTE**! AS CLARK KENT, I'LL GET PERRY WHITE'S PERMISSION--THOUGH THAT MAY REQUIRE SOME SPECIAL STRATEGY!



BUT, PERRY... I ASSUMED YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO LOAN REPORTERS TO THE **GAZETTE** SO I...

YOU ASSUMED WRONG! YOU'RE GOING TO HELP OUT THE **GAZETTE**-- AND YOU, TOO, LOIS! IF YOU FAIL TO SAVE THAT GREAT OLD PAPER, DON'T COME BACK HERE!

BUT WHEN CLARK AND LOIS ARRIVED AT THE **GAZETTE**, THEY MET WITH A DISASTROUS SURPRISE...

WHY-- THAT'S EDITOR JOHN HALL! WHAT HAPPENED, BRUCE?

HE'S COLLAPSED FROM OVERWORK... THE DOCTOR SAYS HE'LL BE UNABLE TO TALK FOR WEEKS--AND HE NEVER GOT TO TELL US WHAT CRIME-MENACE HE HAD DISCOVERED!

CLARK, THE ONLY WAY I CAN FIND OUT WHAT HALL LEARNED IS TO WORK HERE AS A REPORTER MYSELF, UNTIL I SOLVE THE RIDDLE!

THAT'LL BE UP TO THE NEW TEMPORARY EDITOR! I CAN'T BE EDITOR, BECAUSE AS **SUPERMAN**, I MUSTN'T BE SHACKLED TO A DESK! THAT MAKES **LOIS** THE LIKELIEST CANDIDATE!

AND SO A FATEFUL STEP WAS TAKEN...

YOU A REPORTER, BRUCE WAYNE? BUT YOU'RE JUST A PLAYBOY! STILL, YOU ARE TRYING TO SAVE THE **GAZETTE**-- SO I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE!

THANKS --ER-- CHIEF... I'LL DO MY BEST!

AND FIRST I WANT TO GO THROUGH HER DESK TO SEE IF HALL LEFT NOTES!

BUT BRUCE RECKONED WITHOUT THE NEW **LOIS LANE**...

OUT OF THIS OFFICE! YOU REPORTERS ARE GOING TO WORK! GET ME SCOOPS--ONE EACH DAY--OR YOU'RE FIRED! UNDERSTAND?

OUCH! SHE'S TAKEN ORDERS FROM PERRY WHITE SO LONG, THAT NOW SHE'S GOING TO BE AS TOUGH AS HE IS! W-WE'RE ON OUR WAY, CHIEF!

I CHECKED HALL'S DESK WITH MY **X-RAY VISION**, BUT HE LEFT NO NOTES ON THE MYSTERY-STORY EXCEPT ONE PHRASE: "THE MOLE WHO THREATENS **GOTHAM CITY**"!

HMM... THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A LEAD, BUT WE CAN TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS--WHILE WE'RE AFTER THE SCOOPS **LOIS** DEMANDS!

GOTHAM GAZETTE
EXIT →

AND THAT'S HOW THE GREATEST DUO IN THE WORLD BECAME...

... RIVAL REPORTERS ON THE **GOTHAM GAZETTE!**

YOUR CAR, MR. WAYNE!

IS **THIS** HOW YOU'RE GOING TO HUNT NEW STORIES?

OF COURSE! DON'T FORGET, I HAVE TO TO KEEP UP MY PLAY-BOY POSE! I'M GOING TO COVER THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW RIVERSIDE PARK--THAT'LL BE A REAL STORY!

GOTHAM GAZETTE

SHORTLY, IN A NEARBY ALLEYWAY...

BATMAN'S A TERRIFIC DETECTIVE, BUT NOT A REPORTER, AS HE'LL LEARN WHEN HE TAKES HIS PARK-DEDICATION "SCOOP" TO LOIS! MEANWHILE, THAT TELETYPE IN THE OFFICE, ABOUT AN ARCTIC SHIP TRAPPED IN ICE, GIVES ME A REAL SCOOP IDEA!

AT LIGHTNING-SPEED, SUPERMAN HURTLES NORTHWARD TOWARD A TRAPPED VESSEL...

MUSTN'T LET THEM SEE ME, OR CLARK KENT WILL HAVE A LOT TO EXPLAIN WHEN HE TURNS IN THE STORY! HMM--GOT TO FREE THEM WITHOUT THEIR SEEING ME...

PUNCHING WITH **SUPER-STRENGTH**, I CAN ROUGH-CARVE THIS ICEBERG WITH MY FISTS...

MOMENTS LATER...

THE GLARE OF CONCENTRATED SUN-LIGHT FROM MY BIG ICE-LENS KEEPS THEM FROM SEEING ME, YET DOES A PERFECT JOB!

... AND USING **SUPER-FRICTION** I CAN POLISH IT INTO THE GIANT LENS I NEED!

CAPTAIN, LOOK! THE ICE IS MELTING, CRACKING UP! SOME WARM CURRENT MUST BE BLOWING OVER IT AND SETTING US FREE!

WITHIN A FEW SHORT MINUTES...

NOW THE CURRENT IS CARRYING US SOUTH WITH TERRIFIC SPEED! WE'LL REACH PORT SOON!

AND CLARK KENT CAN "HAPPEN" TO BE THERE WHEN THE SHIP ARRIVES TO GET HIS SCOOP!

BUT AT THE NEW PARK

BUT LOOK AT THAT CROWD, ALFRED...THE POLICE CAN'T HANDLE IT, AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE PUSHED OFF THE PIER INTO THE WATER! I'D BETTER BECOME **BATMAN** FAST!

THERE'S **ROBIN**, MR. WAYNE!

NEXT INSTANT, A CRY RUNS THROUGH THE CROWD, AND ALL HEADS TURN TO SEE...

BATMAN AND ROBIN IN ACTION! COME ON... I WANT TO SEE THIS!

WE ALL DO!

MEANWHILE, AS THE "PLAYBOY REPORTER" SPEEDS TOWARD WHAT HE IMAGINES WILL BE A RED-HOT SCOOP...

I CAN CONTACT **ROBIN** BY BELT-RADIO...

ROBIN, COME TO THE NEW RIVERSIDE PARK FAST!... I THINK I'VE GOT A LEAD TO THAT MYSTERY!

FOLLOWING A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME...

BATMAN WE'VE GOT TO HELP THE POLICE GET THAT CROWD OUT OF THERE BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT!

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY WE CAN GET THEM OUT FAST... QUICK, FOLLOW ME!

OUR "ACTION" SHOW PULLED THEM OUT OF THE PARK, **BATMAN**!

YES--AND THE POLICE WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEM! NOW, I WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT **SUPERMAN** DISCOVERED!

OUR ONLY LEAD TO WHATEVER MENACE HALL DISCOVERED IS HIS PHRASE, "THE MOLE WHO THREATENS GOTHAM CITY!" **THE MOLE...** THAT NICKNAME MIGHT BE IN OUR CRIME-FILE!

RIGHT... I'LL START CHECKING THE FILE WHILE YOU TURN IN YOUR STORY!

TROUBLE IS, I HAVE NO STORY, BECAUSE THE CROWD BROKE UP THE DEDICATION CEREMONY!

BUT AS BATMAN AGAIN BECOMES THE MILLIONAIRE REPORTER...

PRESENTLY, BACK AT THE GAZETTE...

CLARK GOT A GOOD SCOOP ON THAT ARCTIC SHIP'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE... WHAT'S **YOUR** STORY?

I PLANNED A BIG STORY ON THE PARK DEDICATION CEREMONY, BUT IT WAS CALLED OFF BECAUSE THE OVERSIZED CROWD WAS A DANGER, AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAPPENED TO BE THERE. AND...

THEN YOU **DID** GET A SCOOP-- A BIGGER ONE THAN CLARK'S! **BATMAN** IS RED-HOT NEWS HERE IN GOTHAM CITY!

BUT--ER--I THOUGHT THERE WASN'T ANY STORY... I MEAN ... DID I?

THANK YOU, CHIEF... GUESS I'LL GO HAVE MY AFTERNOON TEA, NOW! SEE YOU LATER, CLARK!

TEA! HMPH-- WHAT A REPORTER!

I THINK HE JUST WANTS TO GET AWAY SO HE AND I CAN TALK IN PRIVATE.

WHO'S THERE?... OH, IT'S **SUPERMAN!**

I FLEW AT **SUPER-SPEED** SO I WOULDN'T BE EASILY SPOTTED COMING IN HERE! HAVE YOU GOT A LEAD TO THAT MENACE?

ROBIN'S FOUND A CLUE IN OUR CRIME-FILE!

THE MOLE IS THE NICKNAME OF A CROOK WHO ONCE TUNNELLED OUT OF PRISON! HE'S NEVER BEEN CAUGHT!

HE WAS AN EXPERT MINER AND TUNNELLER--SO BY CHECKING ALL TUNNEL PROJECTS, WE MIGHT FIND...WAIT--LOOK! THE **BAT-SIGNAL** ALARM!

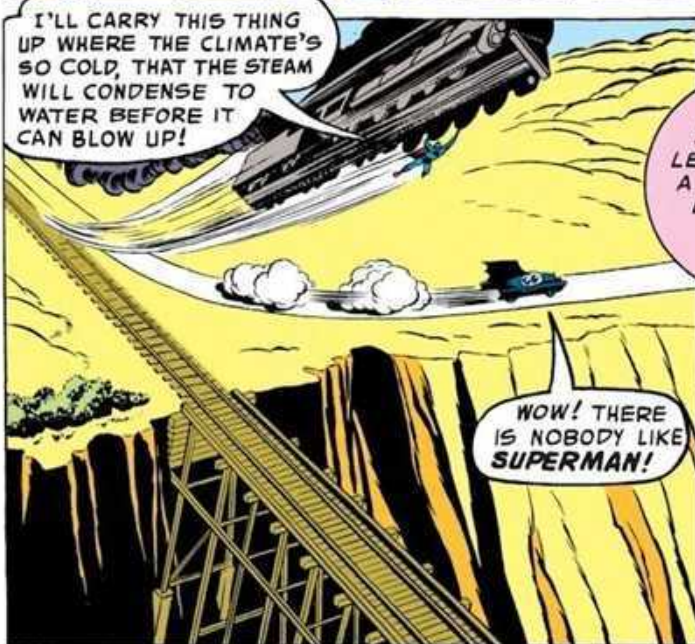


AND IT'S WELL THAT ALL THREE LAW-MEN ANSWER THE CALL, BECAUSE...

ITS SAFETY-VALVE CONTROLS ARE OUT OF ORDER AS WELL AS THE BRAKES! IT'LL SOON BLOW UP FROM TOO MUCH STEAM-PRESSURE! MUST GET THE ENGINEER AND FIREMAN OUT...



I'LL CARRY THIS THING UP WHERE THE CLIMATE'S SO COLD, THAT THE STEAM WILL CONDENSE TO WATER BEFORE IT CAN BLOW UP!



WOW! THERE IS NOBODY LIKE **SUPERMAN**!



AFTER LETTING OUT A GRATEFUL ENGINEER AND FIREMAN...

YOU START CHECKING ALL MINE AND TUNNEL PROJECTS TO SEE IF **THE MOLE'S** WORKING IN ONE! I'LL JOIN YOU AS SOON AS I TURN IN THIS STORY TO LOIS!



IN THE MEANTIME, WITH A DANGEROUS LOCOMOTIVE RENDERED HARMLESS...

BUT THERE'S A BIG SURPRISE IN STORE FOR CLARK KENT WHEN HE GETS BACK TO THE GAZETTE...



NOW TO CHANGE BACK TO CLARK KENT, LET SOME TIME ELAPSE, AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE WITH THIS STORY--OR LOIS WILL BE ON MY NECK! SHE'S MORE EXCITABLE THAN PERRY EVER WAS!



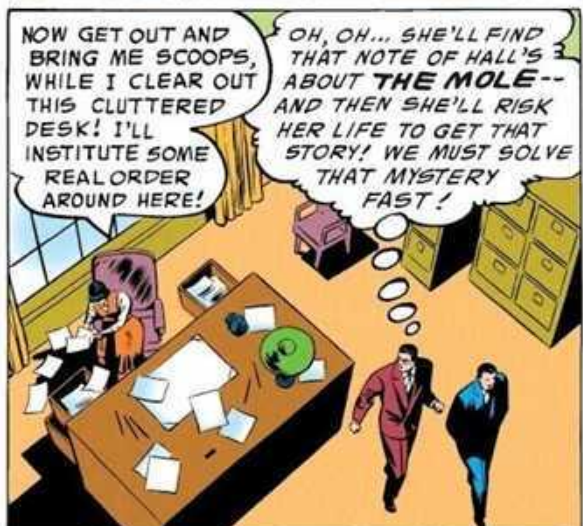
NOT BAD, EH? ALL ABOUT HOW **SUPERMAN** WHIZZED DOWN FROM METROPOLIS TO HELP **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** WITH THAT RUN-AWAY LOCOMOTIVE!

VERY GOOD... ONLY BRUCE HAS ALREADY TURNED IN THAT STORY! HMPH--IT SEEMS THAT EVEN AN **AMATEUR** CAN BEAT YOU, CLARK!



WHY, HE BEAT ME TO IT WITH THE STORY OF OUR JOINT FEAT! **BRUCE** IS SURE LEARNING FAST!

THIS NEWSPAPER IS GOING TO BE TOPS IF I HAVE TO FIRE BOTH OF YOU!



NOW GET OUT AND BRING ME SCOOPS, WHILE I CLEAR OUT THIS CLUTTERED DESK! I'LL INSTITUTE SOME REAL ORDER AROUND HERE!

OH, OH... SHE'LL FIND THAT NOTE OF HALL'S ABOUT **THE MOLE**-- AND THEN SHE'LL RISK HER LIFE TO GET THAT STORY! WE MUST SOLVE THAT MYSTERY FAST!

SWIFTLY, THE TWO NEWS-MEN REPAIR TO A BROOM-CLOSET, WHERE THEY BECOME THE WORLD'S TWO MIGHTIEST LAW-MEN...



ROBIN IS CHECKING ALL TUNNELING PROJECTS AND... WAIT! THAT'S HIM CALLING NOW, BY BELT-RADIO!

BATMAN, I'VE FOUND **THE MOLE**! HE'S-- ULP... URG...



ROBIN, COME IN! **ROBIN**, WHAT'S HAPPENED? HE DOESN'T ANSWER-- HE'S IN TROUBLE!

THEN WE'D BETTER GET TO HIM SUPER-FAST, WHEREVER HE IS!

BUT WHERE IS THE BOY WONDER? PATIENTLY, HE'D BEEN FOLLOWING A SLENDER CLUE UNTIL...

STILL NO SIGN OF THE MOLE HAVING WORKED FOR ANY COMPANY IN GOTHAM CITY-- AND THIS IS ONE OF THE LAST NAMES ON MY LIST, TOO!

HARRAH CONST. CO. STORM SEWER PROJECT

AT THE FOREMAN'S OFFICE, HOWEVER, HE GOT HIS FIRST BIG LEAD...

YES, I'M MR. HARRAH, AND I DON'T RECALL EVER HIRING ANY SUCH MAN AS YOU DESCRIBE!

HMM... HIS "FOREMEN'S" HANDS, SO SOFT AND UN-CALLED... NO TUNNEL-BOSS EVER HAD SUCH HANDS! AND THIS MAN HARRAH HIMSELF COULD BE THE MOLE IN DISGUISE! ER-- ALL RIGHT... SORRY TO BOTHER YOU!

NOW, WHILE BATMAN AND SUPERMAN SEARCH FRANTICALLY...

AND WHEN ROBIN TRIED TO CONTACT BATMAN...

BATMAN, I'VE FOUND THE MOLE! HE'S--ULP...

HARRAH WAS RIGHT... THIS BRAT WAS SPYING ON OUR BIG PROJECT!

COME ON... WE'LL HIT THE **GOTHAM BANK** FAST, AND GET AWAY! WE'VE PUT A LOT OF MONEY INTO GETTING THE BID FOR THIS PHONY STORM-SEWER PROJECT, AND IT'S GOT TO PAY OFF!

BUT THE CRIMINALS HAVEN'T RECKONED WITH SUPERMAN'S AMAZING POWERS...

WE'VE SEARCHED NEARLY EVERY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ALREADY, BUT...

WAIT-- AT LAST! WITH MY **X-RAY VISION**, I CAN SEE CROOKS GOING UP THAT STORM-SEWER, WITH **ROBIN** THEIR PRISONER! I ALSO SEE THAT THEY'VE BUILT SECRET "STORM-SEWER" TUNNELS UP UNDER THE BIGGEST **GOTHAM BANKS**, FOR EASY ROBBERY!

WE CAN'T ENDANGER **ROBIN** BY GRABBING THEM OPENLY-- BUT I'LL FOLLOW THEM UP THE BIG DRAINS!

GOOD... AND I'LL ARRANGE A SURPRISE FOR THEM UP AHEAD!

NEXT MOMENT...

I'LL JUST
MAKE SOME
CHANGES BEFORE
THEY GET
HERE!

AT **SUPER-SPEED**,
I'LL CLOSE UP THIS
TUNNEL TO THE
BANK, SO THERE'LL
BE NO TRACE OF
IT LEFT!

SOON AFTERWARD, WHERE A DARK-CAPED
NEMESIS FOLLOWS UNSUSPECTING PLOTTERS.

...AND NOW
I'LL DRILL
A **NEW TUNNEL**
FOR THEM, TO
LEAD UP INTO
A DIFFERENT
PLACE!

HERE'S WHERE
OUR TUNNEL LEADS
UP INTO THE BANK!
BE READY...WE'LL
GRAB A FORTUNE
FAST!

AND I'D
BETTER BE
READY,
TOO!

**BUT AS THEY BREAK THROUGH TO
THE STREET LEVEL...**

WHY, THIS
TUNNEL LEADS
UP INTO
**GOTHAM CITY
JAIL!**

AND I'LL JUST
CLOSE UP THE FLOOR TO
KEEP THE CELL NICE AND
TIGHT-- AFTER **BATMAN**
GETS UP HERE!

SECONDS LATER...

IT'S NO USE... WE
CAN'T GET OUT OF
HERE NO MATTER
WHAT WE DO! WE
HAVE TO GIVE UP!

WHAT A SURPRISE
SUPERMAN GAVE
THEM--AND WHAT A
STORY! IT'LL MAKE
NEWSPAPER HISTORY!

WE MUST
DELIVER THIS
SCOOP TO
THE **GAZETTE**
BEFORE OTHER
PAPERS GET
IT!

NOT MUCH USE
OF MY TRYING TO
BEAT **YOU** ON IT,
THOUGH THE
BATMOBILE'S
NOT TOO FAR
AWAY!

FUNNY...
SUPERMAN
SEEMS SLOWER
THAN USUAL!



BUT AS THE THREE TAKE OFF...

**GOTHAM
GAZETTE**

I'VE GOT
AN IDEA HE'S
TRYING TO GIVE
A "PLAYBOY"
REPORTER
A BREAK!



**SURE ENOUGH, WHEN BRUCE WAYNE
FINALLY HANDS IN HIS SCOOP...**

GET THIS SET
UP IN PRINT AT
ONCE! IT'S OUR
GREAT CHANCE
TO MAKE A COME-
BACK FOR THE
GAZETTE-- IF WE
CAN BREAK THIS
BIG STORY ONTO
THE STREETS
FIRST!

FOR A FAMOUS
OLD NEWSPAPER
LIKE THE **GAZETTE**
I CAN HELP WITH
A LITTLE FAST
DISTRIBUTION!



**GET YOUR GOTHAM
GAZETTE-- EXCLUSIVE
STORY ON BIG
MENACE TO CITY--
READ ALL ABOUT
IT!**



**AND SO, DAYS LATER, WITH A FAMOUS
OLD NEWSPAPER REJUVENATED...**

I ONLY HAD AN UNDER-
WORLD RUMOR ABOUT
THE MOLE PLANNING
SOMETHING... YOU
THREE MADE IT INTO
A STORY THAT SAVED
THE **GAZETTE**!

FINE!
NOW--
ER-- I
CAN GO
BACK TO
PLAYING
POLO!

AND I CAN TELL
PERRY HOW
I EDITED
A BIG
PAPER!



**BUT SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE--AS AT
THE DAILY PLANET, THE FOLLOWING
MORNING...**

YOU CALL
THIS A STORY, LOIS?
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST!
HAS PLAYING EDITOR
GONE TO YOUR
HEAD?

YES, SIR! I
MEAN-- NO,
SIR! I
MEAN... OH,
WHAT'S THE
USE?





ALL NEW STORIES

MAR.-APR.
NO. 81

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



WORLD'S FINEST

Featuring
**"The TRUE
HISTORY of
SUPERMAN
and BATMAN!"**

COMICS

I, KA-THAR, OF 5956,
HAVE THE WHOLE TRUTH
ABOUT YOU IN THIS
BOOK--INCLUDING YOUR
SECRET IDENTITIES--
CLARK KENT,
BRUCE WAYNE,
DICK GRAYSON!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

THE MIGHTY FEATS OF **SUPERMAN**, AND THE BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF **BATMAN AND ROBIN**, HAVE MADE HISTORY! MANY TIMES, THE **MAN OF STEEL**, WITH HIS AWESOME SUPER-POWERS, HAS PREVENTED GREAT DISASTERS, AND THE **DYNAMIC DUO** WITH THEIR SUPERB SKILLS HAVE CONQUERED MANY A MENACE! BUT NOW, THE TWO GREAT CHAMPIONS MYSTIFY THE WORLD BY **UNDOING** THEIR GREATEST FEATS! HERE IS THE ANSWER TO THE AMAZING MYSTERY OF THEIR BEHAVIOR, IN...

THE **TRUE** HISTORY OF SUPERMAN AND BATMAN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

BATMAN IS **RELEASING** THAT CROOK HE CAPTURED, AND **SUPERMAN** IS **TAKING AWAY** THE NEW ORPHANS' HOME HE BUILT FOR METROPOLIS! WHY?

BECAUSE THEY PERFORMED THOSE FEATS THE WRONG WAY!



ONE FATEFUL MORNING, IN THE NEW ZOO THAT'S THE PRIDE OF METROPOLIS...

AND HE BROUGHT A WONDERFUL ZOO **SUPERMAN** BUILT-- FROM THESE SIDE-WALKS IN THE AIR, WE CAN LOOK DOWN AND SEE THE ANIMALS LIVING NATURALLY!

ALL THE RARE ANIMALS, TOO, FLYING THEM HERE AT SUPER SPEED! LOOK, THERE HE COMES NOW-- TO INSPECT HIS WORK, I SUPPOSE!



WHY, INDEED? EVEN WHILE THAT MYSTERY ROCKS METROPOLIS, ON A DISTANT, LITTLE TROPICAL ISLAND...

I'LL NEED PLENTY OF BIG TREES-- I CAN SHAPE THEM INTO TIMBERS WITH MY HANDS!



BUT THE **MAN OF STEEL** ASTOUNDS THE WATCHERS BY DOING THE UNEXPECTED...

WHY, HE'S TAKING ALL THE RARE ANIMALS AWAY!

BUT WHY--WHY SHOULD **SUPERMAN** UNDO THE GREAT THING HE DID FOR METROPOLIS?



IT'LL SOON BE FINISHED-- THEN I CAN GATHER UP THE ANIMALS! BUT I'LL NEED A BIG CAR!



AND A MYSTIFIED METROPOLIS IS STAGGERED EVEN MORE...

LOOK, **SUPERMAN** HAS BROUGHT THE ZOO ANIMALS BACK-- BUT THIS TIME, IN A GREAK ARK!

WHY WOULD HE UNDO WHAT HE DID? AND THEN DO IT AGAIN DIFFERENTLY? IT'S CRAZY-- HE MUST BE CRACKING UP!



AND IN THE **DAILY PLANET** OFFICES, EDITOR PERRY WHITE AND REPORTER LOIS LANE SHARE THAT AMAZEMENT!

WHY WOULD **SUPERMAN** DO SUCH A THING? IT'S UNPRECEDENTED!

NO--LOOK AT THIS TELETYPE FLASH! THE SAME THING JUST HAPPENED IN GOTHAM CITY!



IN GOTHAM CITY, THE INCREDIBLE HAS HAPPENED, TOO!



BUT TODAY, THE DYNAMIC DUO UNDO THAT GREAT FEAT OF YESTERDAY...



AND PRESENTLY, BENEATH THE WATERS...



"--BUT THEY SWOOPED DOWN ON THE ABANDONED PLANE BEFORE IT HIT THE WATER, AND--"



BUT, MOMENTS LATER, UNSEEN BY THE CROWD...



BATMAN, LIKE SUPERMAN, UNDO A GREAT EXPLOIT AND DID IT AGAIN--DIFFERENTLY! ARE THEY BOTH INSANE?

THERE'S SURELY A BIG STORY BEHIND ALL THIS! LET ME GET IT! WITH CLARK KENT ON VACATION, I CAN GET A GREAT SCOOP!



YES, LOIS, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS STORY BEHIND THE APPARENTLY UNBALANCED BEHAVIOR OF SUPERMAN AND BATMAN... (3)

... A STORY THAT BEGAN THE NIGHT BEFORE, WHEN **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RETURNED TO THEIR HIDDEN **BAT-CAVE**...

AFTER TODAY, I CAN USE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP! BUT--**BATMAN**... WHAT'S THAT QUEER BLUR IN THE AIR?

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT... AND THERE'S A FAINT HUMMING SOUND, TOO!

BEFORE THEIR STARTLED EYES OCCURRED AN INCREDIBLE MATERIALIZATION...

A MAN-- A STRANGER-- APPEARING IN THE **BAT-CAVE** FROM NOTHING! BUT HOW--?

BACK, ROBIN! THE FORCES THAT CAN DO THIS MAY BE DANGEROUS!

BUT, AN INSTANT LATER...

DON'T BE STARTLED, **BATMAN**... I'M KA THAR, GREATEST HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR 5956!

5956?... 4,000 YEARS FROM NOW? HE'S CRAZY!

BUT THE WAY HE APPEARED-- THAT **COULD** BE SOME FORM OF TIME-TRAVELLING MACHINE!

EXACTLY... IT'S A **TIME-THRUST PROJECTOR!** AND I'VE COME BACK TO 1956 ESPECIALLY TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FRIEND **SUPERMAN!** PLEASE SUMMON **SUPERMAN** AT ONCE!

BATMAN, IT CAN'T BE TRUE... OR CAN IT?

IT MUST BE! ER-- I'LL CALL **SUPERMAN**.

AND IN DISTANT METROPOLIS, WHERE REPORTER CLARK KENT SPOTTED THE URGENT SKY-SUMMONS...

HASTILY, THE SUPER-POWERFUL LIGHTS OF THE **BATMOBILE** WERE USED AS A SIGNAL...

THE TWO BEAMS WILL FOCUS A SINGLE SILHOUETTE-IMAGE ON THE HIGH CLOUDS, MILES FROM HERE!

THAT SIGNAL-- IT'S FROM THE DIRECTION OF GOTHAM CITY! **BATMAN** MUST WANT ME... I'D BETTER GET DOWN THERE SUPER-FAST!

WITHIN MOMENTS, THE MIGHTIEST CHAMPIONS OF 1956 FACED A MAN FROM 5956...

BUT AFTER READING HIS WORK ALOUD TO THE THREE LAWMEN...

BUT WHY SHOULD A **HISTORIAN** OF 4,000 YEARS FROM NOW COME BACK TO THIS TIME?

BECAUSE YOU TWO ARE THE SUBJECTS OF THIS, MY GREATEST BOOK-- "**THE HISTORY OF SUPERMAN AND BATMAN**"! JEALOUS RIVAL HISTORIANS SAID IT'S INCORRECT-- SO I CAME BACK TO **PROVE** I'M RIGHT!

IT'S ALL TRUE, ISN'T IT?

NO, SOME DETAILS ARE WRONG--DISTORTED BY TIME! I DID EVERYTHING YOU SAY--BUT IN DIFFERENT WAYS!

YES, YOU'VE GOT **ROBIN** AND ME DOING THINGS INCORRECTLY, TOO!



WELL, I WON'T BECOME A LAUGHINGSTOCK IN 5956 BY ADMITTING I WAS WRONG! YOU THREE MUST DO THOSE FEATS OVER AGAIN, THE WAY MY HISTORY DESCRIBES!

HMM... THAT'S ONE WAY TO MAKE YOUR HISTORY TRUE... BUT WE'RE TOO BUSY TO **RE-DO** ALL THOSE STUNTS!

BUT YOU **MUST** HELP ME! REMEMBER, I'M HELPING **YOU**-- BY NOT EXPOSING YOUR SECRET IDENTITIES-- CLARK KENT, BRUCE WAYNE, AND DICK GRAYSON--TO THIS WORLD OF 1956!

GULP! IT SEEMS **FUTURE** TIMES WILL KNOW OUR IDENTITIES, **SUPERMAN!** WE'D BETTER HELP HIM, OR HE'LL EXPOSE US TO THE **PRESENT!**



VERY WELL... WE HAVE NO CHOICE! LET'S SEE THAT HISTORY...

NO, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO... **YOU** MUST NEVER READ THIS HISTORY! THERE'S SOMETHING IN IT THAT YOU CAN'T BE PERMITTED TO KNOW!

FIRST, **SUPERMAN**, YOU'LL DELIVER ANIMALS TO **METROPOLIS ZOO** THE WAY I DESCRIBED... AND **BATMAN** MUST SAVE AN ABANDONED PLANE AS MY HISTORY SAYS!

BUT WHAT'S IN THAT HISTORY THAT WE MUSTN'T READ? IT'S BOUND IN LEAD, SO EVEN WITH MY **X-RAY VISION** I CAN'T READ IT!



WHATEVER SECRET IT HELD, THAT FUTURE "HISTORY" PROVED QUITE A PROBLEM FOR THE GREAT TRIO...

WE CAN'T RISK RE-DOING THE LAST THING ON HIS LIST-- THE TORNADO THAT WOULD HAVE HIT BOTH GOTHAM CITY AND METROPOLIS!

YOU REMEMBER-- **BATMAN** AND I SPOTTED ITS COURSE FROM THE **BAT-PLANE** AND CALLED ON YOU, **SUPERMAN...**

"YOU STOPPED THE TORNADO BY SPINNING OUTSIDE IT, WITH GREAT WIND-VANES, TO REVERSE ITS AIR CURRENTS!"

HIS HISTORY SAYS YOU BUILT A **BARRIER** TO **ENCLOSE** THE TORNADO-- BUT HOW CAN WE RISK STARTING ANOTHER TORNADO, JUST TO PROVE HIS POINT?

WE CAN'T-- YET, IF WE DON'T, HE MAY EXPOSE US!



AND THAT IS WHY THE **MAN OF STEEL** AND THE **DYNAMIC DUO** ARE NOW RE-DOING THEIR GREATEST FEATS...

MY HISTORY STATED YOU USED ONE GREAT SLAB OF STONE FOR THIS DAM, NOT MANY BLOCKS-- SO PLEASE DO IT THAT WAY!



UNKNOWN TO **SUPERMAN**, THERE'S MORE TROUBLE COMING-- IN THE FORM OF **LOIS LANE**!

THAT TIP ABOUT **SUPERMAN** BEING HERE... I WAS RIGHT-- HE'S GOING TO UNDO HIS FEAT, TOO! BUT WHO'S THAT QUEER MAN WITH HIM?

THIS I CAN DO-- BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THAT TORNADO STUNT, THERE'LL BE TROUBLE!



AND AS THE GIRL REPORTER WATCHES CURIOUSLY...

HITTING IT AT THE RIGHT LINE OF CLEAVAGE WILL PROVIDE A SINGLE STONE FOR THE DAM! NOW TO SWITCH DAMS WITHOUT THE WATER FLOODING OUT...



A QUICK TRIP TO THE STRATOSPHERE, A SUPER-LUNGFUL OF ICE-COLD AIR-- AND AN INSTANT LATER...



FREEZING THE WATER SOLID WILL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SWITCH DAMS SAFELY!



THAT DOES IT--
AND JUST IN
TIME... THE
LAKE'S
BEGINNING
TO MELT!

FINE... I
FILMED EVERY
DETAIL, AS
PROOF OF
MY HISTORY!

EVEN FUTURE MEN LIKE TO IMPRESS
PRETTY GIRLS WITH STORIES ABOUT THEM-
SELVES...

...SO I CAME
BACK FROM
5956 TO
PROVE I'M
RIGHT,
MISS LANE!

WHAT A CHANCE! IF I COULD
JUST LEARN ONE THING FROM
THAT HISTORY...

PLEASE--CALL ME LOIS... AND
COULDN'T I GO ALONG TO SEE
THESE GREAT
FEATS RE-DONE?

NO-- SHE
MUSTN'T...



MEANWHILE, IN GOTHAM CITY, THE
DYNAMIC DUO ALSO HAS ITS MIND
ON THAT FATEFUL BOOK...



I JUST CAN'T FIGURE WHAT'S
IN THAT HISTORY THAT HE'S
AFRAID FOR US
TO READ!

AND
I
CAN'T
FIGURE HOW
TO AVOID THAT
TORNADO FEAT!
WE CAN RE-DO
STUNTS LIKE THIS
PLANETARIUM
EXPLOIT--
BUT NOT THAT
ONE!

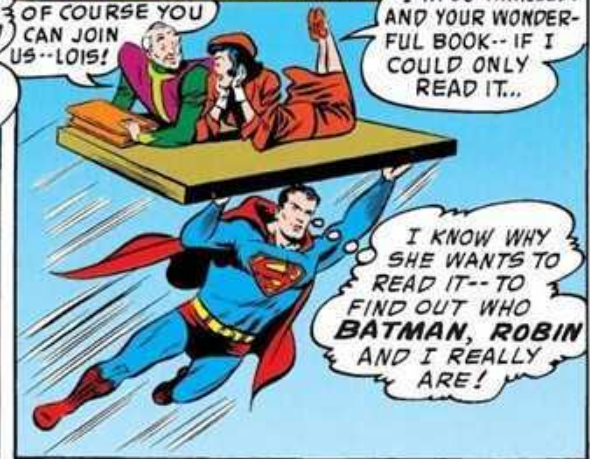


JUST THEN...
HELLO... I'M
LOIS LANE OF
THE **DAILY**
PLANET!

LOIS LANE? WHY,
I KNOW ALL
ABOUT YOU...
YOU'RE IN MY
HISTORY, TOO!

OH, NO!

BUT A FLATTERED SCHOLAR FALLS EASY VICTIM
TO 20TH-CENTURY CHARM...



OF COURSE YOU
CAN JOIN
US--LOIS!

I'M SO THRILLED!
AND YOUR WONDER-
FUL BOOK-- IF I
COULD ONLY
READ IT...

I KNOW WHY
SHE WANTS TO
READ IT-- TO
FIND OUT WHO
BATMAN, ROBIN
AND I REALLY
ARE!

SHORTLY, IN THE GREAT PLANETARIUM'S SOLAR SYSTEM
DISPLAY...



WHEN THE
CONTROLS WENT
BAD AND THE MODEL
PLANETS STARTED
WHIRLING TOO FAST, WE
GOT TO THE SWITCHBOARD
IN THE "SUN" BY SWINGING
ON OUR ROPES... BUT KATHAR'S
HISTORY SAYS WE DID IT
DIFFERENTLY!

SO WE'LL
HAVE TO SPEED
IT UP AGAIN
AND DO IT
HIS WAY!

AND WHEN THE OTHERS ARRIVE...

IT MUST BE DARLING TO BE A GREAT HISTORIAN-- I'M SURE YOUR BOOK IS FASCINATING!

SUPERMAN, HOW COULD YOU LET LOIS LANE IN ON THIS? DON'T WE HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE?

SHE HORNED IN, AS USUAL... AND SHE'S FLIRTING WITH KA THAR, TO GET A LOOK AT THAT BOOK AND LEARN OUR IDENTITIES!

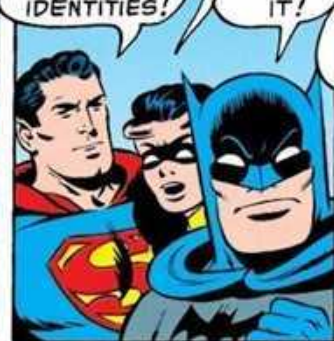
OH, NO! THAT'S ALL WE'D NEED!

WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT IT!

THEN, AS THEY PROCEED WITH THEIR "NEW" FEAT...

NOW THAT YOU'VE SPEEDED UP THE SOLAR SYSTEM MODEL, YOU CAN STOP IT THE WAY MY HISTORY DESCRIBES... BY JUMPING FROM "PLANET" TO "PLANET"!

HMM... HE'S CAREFUL NEVER TO EXPOSE THE LAST PAGE OF HIS HISTORY! THAT MUST BE WHERE HIS BIG SECRET IS!



BATMAN FORGETS THE PROBLEM MOMENTARILY, AS HE AND **ROBIN** RE-DO A FEAT THE HARD WAY...

THAT'S IT... JUMP ONTO "PLUTO" AS IT COMES PAST!

I'LL HOLD YOUR BOOK WHILE YOU FILM THE SCENE, KA THAR!

NO, LOIS-- KEEP BACK! YOU... ER... MIGHT GET IN THE WAY OF ONE OF THE PLANETS!



THE SPINNING RINGS OF "SATURN" GIVE US AN EXTRA PUSH, TO REACH "JUPITER"!

JUST MADE IT! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN WE GET TO THE INNER MODELS...THEY'RE NOT SO FAR APART!



CAREFUL, **BATMAN**-- YOU NEARLY KICKED THE "MOON" OUT OF ITS ORBIT!

BUT THAT GETS US TO THE "SUN," AND THE SWITCHBOARD INSIDE IT!

EXCELLENT! THESE FILMS WILL VINDICATE ANOTHER PART OF MY HISTORY!



OK, IF I COULD ONLY READ A LITTLE OF YOUR WONDERFUL HISTORY...

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! I HAVE TO RE-DO MY ORPHANS' OUTING FEAT FOR KATHAR, AND **BATMAN** MUST CAPTURE THAT MOB LEADER IN THE WAY THE HISTORY DESCRIBED!

SOON...

HAVE YOUR CAMERA READY, KATHAR--I'LL BE BACK!

GOTHAM CITY JAIL

THERE'S ONE THING IN THAT HISTORY I'D LIKE TO READ--IF I COULD JUST LOOK THROUGH YOUR GREAT WORK...

HERE COMES **SUPERMAN** NOW--HAVE TO KEEP MY CAMERA READY!

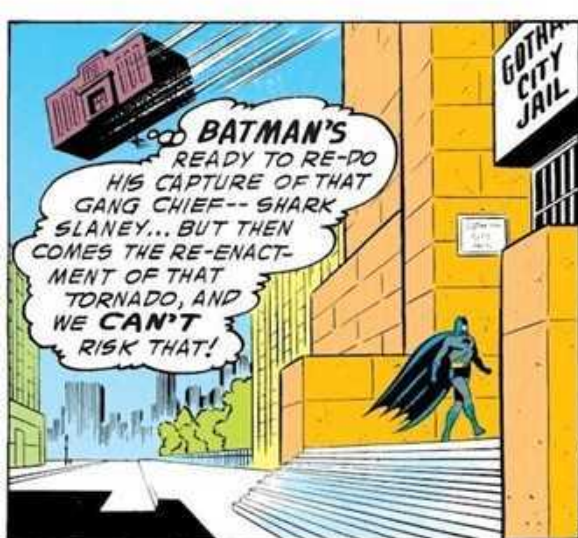
ACTUALLY, I GAVE THE METROPOLIS ORPHANS AN OUTING IN A SUPER-TRAILER I BUILT--BUT KATHAR'S BOOK SAYS I **FLEW** THEM ON AN OUTING, SO I'LL HAVE TO DO IT THAT WAY!

BUT THE **MAN OF STEEL** HAS DONE BOTH...

SUPERMAN MUST HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD ME... HE WAS TO FLY THE ORPHANS ON AN OUTING, NOT CARRY THEIR HOME!

WHAT A SUPER-WAY TO SEE GOTHAM CITY!

AND IT WAS FAST! NOW, IF **BATMAN** WILL TAKE OVER, BEFORE **LOIS** CAN GET AT THAT HISTORY...



MINUTES LATER, AS THE POLICE TAKE OVER...

WH-WHERE'S SLANEY?

BATMAN'S CHASING HIM! BUT HE GAVE US THE WORD, AS HE PASSED US IN THE STREET, THAT WE'D FIND YOU HERE!

WHILE A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

I'D NEVER MAKE THE CAPTURE THIS WAY MYSELF-- BUT IT'S THE WAY KA THAR'S HISTORY TOLD IT!

AND LOIS IS RIGHT--FOR SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AROUND A CORNER...

THIS PADDED-OUT SUIT WAS A LITTLE AWKWARD TO WEAR-- BUT IT WORKED.

OF COURSE, I COULDN'T REALLY RELEASE SLANEY-- EVEN FOR THIS STUNT-- BUT WITH MAKE-UP, I MADE A PRETTY GOOD THUG! AND YOU, **ROBIN**, MADE A SWELL **BATMAN**!

BUT **BATMAN** RELEASED A **CRIMINAL** FOR THIS STUNT... I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

A FINE FILM TO PROVE MY HISTORY'S ACCOUNT!

AND WE DID NAIL SLANEY'S CONFEDERATES WITH THEIR LOOT THAT WAY... BUT NOW, WHAT ABOUT THAT TORNADO-EXPLOIT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO RE-ENACT?

WE CAN'T DO IT, **ROBIN**! IF KA THAR WANTS TO EXPOSE OUR IDENTITIES, WE'RE SIMPLY OUT OF LUCK!

CAN'T YOU JUST LET ME HAVE ONE LITTLE PEEP INTO YOUR BOOK?

NO, I CAN'T! I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN, BUT THAT SECRET CAN'T BE REVEALED TO ANYONE IN THIS AGE!

WHAT--?



GREAT SCOTT-- NOW I KNOW WHAT SECRET HE'S TRYING TO HIDE!

NOW, **SUPERMAN**, YOU AND **BATMAN** MUST RE-ENACT THAT TORNADO-EXPLOIT THE WAY I DESCRIBED IT!



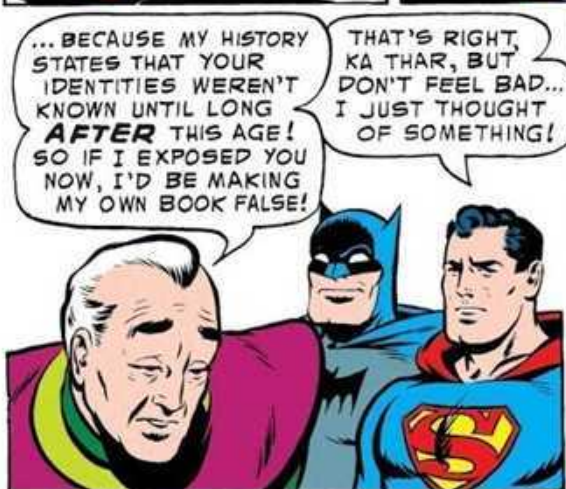
WAIT, **SUPERMAN**. LET ME HANDLE THIS! I THINK I KNOW HOW TO STOP HIM!

REALLY? WELL, GO AHEAD, **BATMAN**... AND YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT!



YOU'LL NEVER FORCE US TO RISK ANOTHER TORNADO, KA THAR, BECAUSE YOU **WOULDN'T DARE** LET OUR SECRET IDENTITIES BE KNOWN IN THIS ERA!

THEN--THEN YOU'VE GUESSED MY SECRET! YOU KNOW THAT MY THREAT WAS ONLY A HOLLOW ONE...



... BECAUSE MY HISTORY STATES THAT YOUR IDENTITIES WEREN'T KNOWN UNTIL LONG **AFTER** THIS AGE! SO IF I EXPOSED YOU NOW, I'D BE MAKING MY OWN BOOK FALSE!

THAT'S RIGHT, KA THAR, BUT DON'T FEEL BAD... I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING!



YOU SAID I ENCLOSED THAT TORNADO INSIDE A **BARRIER**, AND I DID-- BY SETTING UP A BARRIER OF **REVERSED WINDS** THAT KILLED IT!

WHY--OF COURSE! SO I WAS CORRECT ABOUT THE TORNADO AFTER ALL!

THUS, AWHILE LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...



FAREWELL, MY 20th-CENTURY FRIENDS! I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING HERE... I'LL TELL MY RIVAL HISTORIANS THAT THOSE FEATS WERE DONE IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS-- SO WE'LL **ALL** BE RIGHT!

BUT POOR LOIS, MEANWHILE, HAS MISSED THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME...

I SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET TO READ THAT HISTORY, LOIS-- BUT WE JUST COULDN'T LET YOU LEARN OUR SECRET IDENTITIES!

OH-- YOU MEN! I DIDN'T CARE WHO YOU ARE... I ONLY WANTED TO FIND OUT WHOM **SUPERMAN** WILL **MARRY**!



END.



ALL NEW STORIES

MAY-JUNE
NO. 82



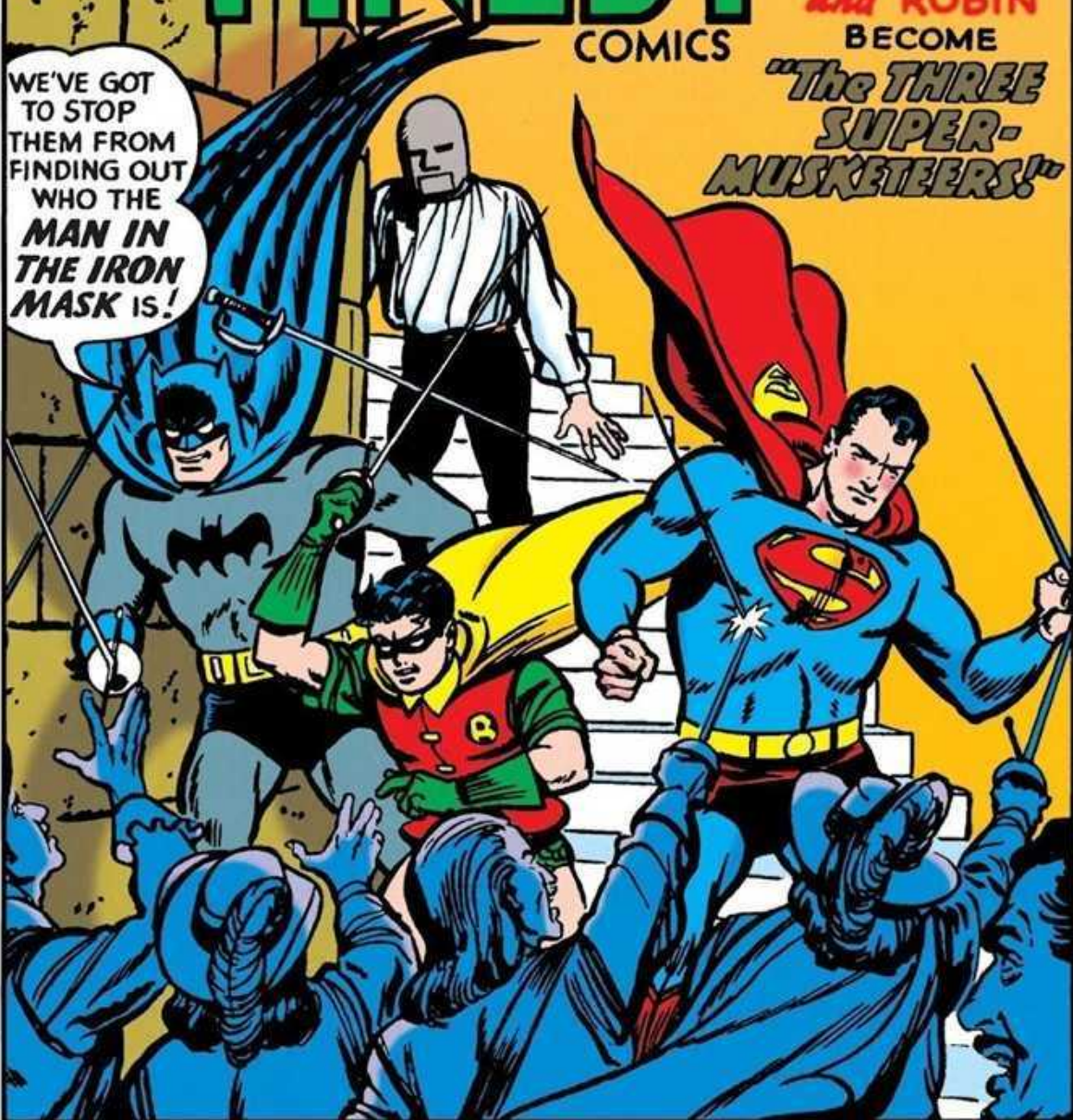
WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

In this issue:
**SUPERMAN,
BATMAN
and ROBIN**
BECOME

**"The THREE
SUPER-
MUSKETEERS!"**

WE'VE GOT
TO STOP
THEM FROM
FINDING OUT
WHO THE
**MAN IN
THE IRON
MASK IS!**



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

and

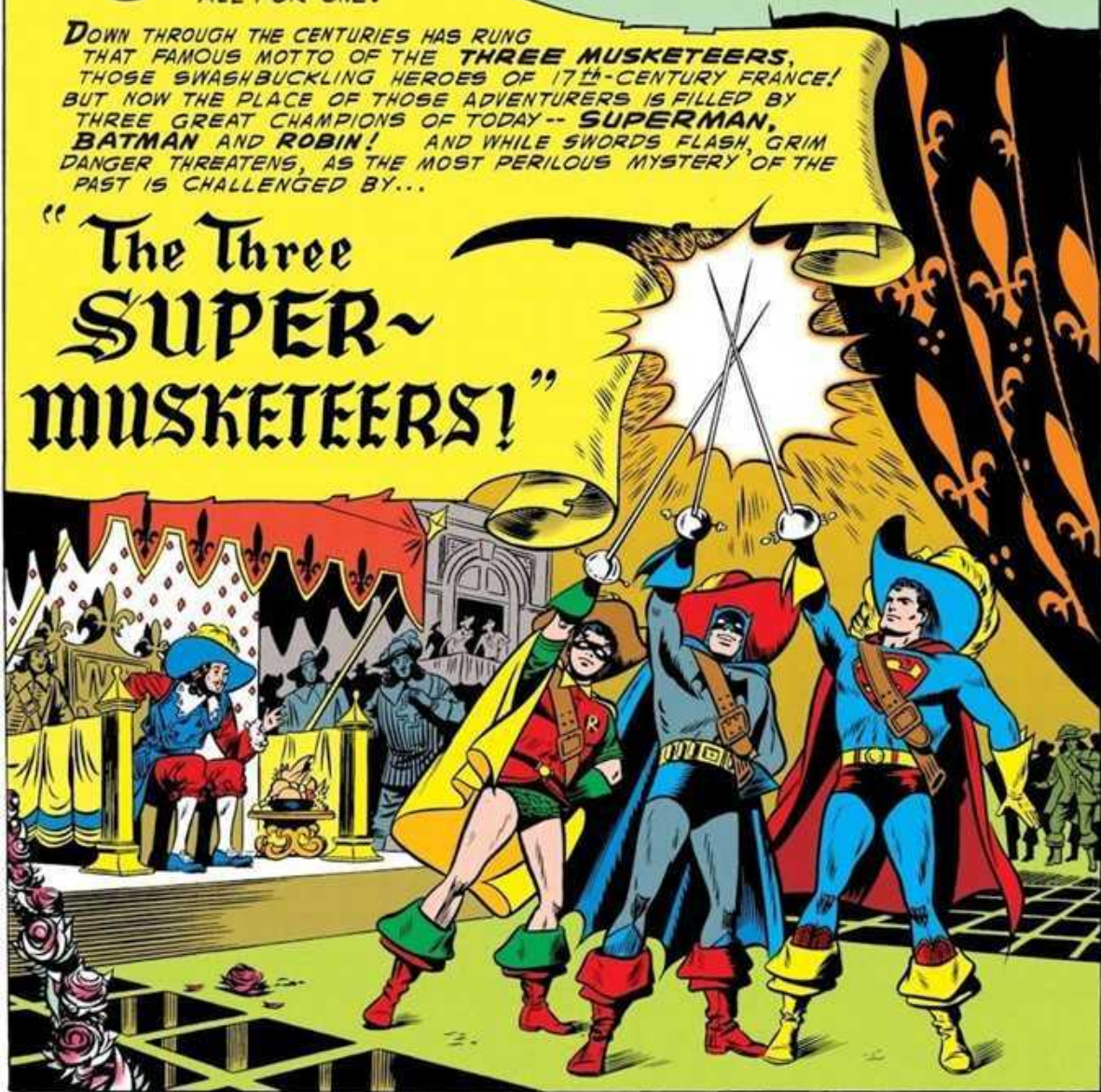
BATMAN
AND ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

"**O**NE FOR ALL, AND
ALL FOR ONE!"

DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES HAS RUNG
THAT FAMOUS MOTTO OF THE **THREE MUSKETEERS**,
THOSE SWASHBUCKLING HEROES OF 17TH-CENTURY FRANCE!
BUT NOW THE PLACE OF THOSE ADVENTURERS IS FILLED BY
THREE GREAT CHAMPIONS OF TODAY-- **SUPERMAN**,
BATMAN AND **ROBIN**! AND WHILE SWORDS FLASH, GRIM
DANGER THREATENS, AS THE MOST PERILOUS MYSTERY OF THE
PAST IS CHALLENGED BY...

"The Three
**SUPER-
MUSKETEERS!**"



**FATE CHOOSES A SEDATE OCCASION--
A HISTORIANS' CONVENTION--TO BEGIN
A STRANGE ADVENTURE...**

...SO I GIVE YOU
DR. CARTER NICHOLS,
FAMOUS HISTORIAN
AND SCIENTIST OF
GOTHAM CITY!

I SOON HOPE TO
SOLVE HISTORY'S
GREATEST RIDDLE--
THE IDENTITY OF THE
**MAN IN THE IRON
MASK!**

**AMONG THE REPORTERS COVERING THIS CONVEN-
TION IS CLARK KENT, WHO IS SECRETLY
SUPERMAN...**

NO ONE HAS EVER
YET FOUND OUT
WHO HE WAS--
THAT 17TH-CENTURY
PRISONER IN FRANCE!
BUT I SHALL TRY!

HMM... NICHOLS HAS OFTEN
SENT **BATMAN** AND
ROBIN INTO THE PAST!
I WONDER...?

**THAT NIGHT, THE PUZZLED NEWSMAN
UNDERGOES A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB,
AS HE CHANGES TO
MIGHTY SUPERMAN...**

IT'LL ONLY
TAKE A MOMENT
TO ZIP DOWN TO
GOTHAM CITY
AND CHECK
WITH
BATMAN
ABOUT THIS!

SHORTLY,
BRUCE
WAYNE
AND
DICK
GRAYSON--
ALIAS
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN--
RECEIVE AN
UNEXPECTED
CALLER...

LOOK, IT'S
SUPERMAN!

HI, **ROBIN**-- I MEAN DICK!
I CAME TO FIND OUT IF YOU
TWO ARE GOING INTO THE
PAST TO SOLVE PROFESSOR
NICHOLS' QUESTION?

YES--
NICHOLS
IS SENDING
US BACK
TO SOLVE
THAT
**IRON
MASK
MYSTERY!**

LISTEN... WITH
MY **X-RAY VISION**,
I COULD SEE
THROUGH THAT
MASK! SO I'M
GOING WITH YOU,
IF NICHOLS WILL
SEND "CLARK KENT"
BACK, TOO!

THUS, LATER, AS THE GREAT
SCHOLAR EMPLOYS HIS
SECRET, POWERFUL **TIME-RAY...**

I COULD USE
SUPER-SPEED
TO BREAK THE
TIME-BARRIER,
BUT I WANT TO
STAY WITH BRUCE
AND DICK!

BACK TO
1696...
BACK TO THE
FRANCE
OF LOUIS XIV!

A PLUNGE INTO
BLACKNESS,
A DIZZYING SEN-
SATION AS THEY
HURTLE
THROUGH THE
BARRIERS OF
SPACE AND
TIME...

... AND THREE ADVENTURERS FLASH BACK ACROSS THREE CENTURIES!

THAT'S THE CASTLE OF PIGNEROL, WHERE THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK WAS HELD PRISONER!

WAIT... MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS HORSES GALLOPING THIS WAY! GET BACK INTO THE TREES...

SURE ENOUGH, AS THE THREE SWITCH FOR ACTION...

WE ARE TOO WEAK TO RIDE ON... ESCAPE BY YOURSELF, D'ARTAGNAN!

NEVER! WE WILL HIDE IN THE FOREST-- THEY MAY NOT FIND US THERE!

D'ARTAGNAN?... THE FAMOUS SWORDSMAN? THEN THESE OTHERS MUST BE THE **THREE MUSKETEERS**!

I KNOW NOT WHO YOU ARE, STRANGERS-- BUT YES, THESE ARE MY COMRADES! THEY ARE BADLY WOUNDED, BY THE EVIL BOURDET'S GUARDS!

AT THAT MOMENT...

THEY ARE SOMEWHERE IN HERE... WE MUST CAPTURE THEM!

NOT IF **WE** CAN HELP IT! D'ARTAGNAN, LEND US YOUR FRIENDS' HATS, CLOAKS, BOOTS AND SWORDS... WE'LL TAKE THEIR PLACES!

AND BRUTAL GUARDSMEN SOON COME FACE TO FACE WITH THREE **SUPER-MUSKETEERS**!

BUT AS FLASHING SWORDS STRIKE AND TWIST LIKE LIVING THINGS...

REMEMBER, WE ONLY WANT TO **DISARM** THEM, WITHOUT HARMING THEM!

DISARM ALL THESE?... IMPOSSIBLE!

THAT PARRY... I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE LIKE OF IT!



THANKS, BATMAN, FOR THESE EXTRA SWORDS!

LINE UP AND RUSH THEM ALL TOGETHER! NO TRICKS WILL HELP THEM THEN!

AT SUPER-SPEED, I CAN WELD THESE THREE SWORDS INTO A SINGLE GIANT ONE...



...WHICH PROVIDES ALL THE EXTRA REACH I NEED!

SACRE BLEU! THAT MUSKETEER HAS DISARMED US ALL! OUT OF HERE--BACK TO THE CASTLE!

A NOBLE FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE--COUNT FERNEY, WHO VANISHED RECENTLY! WE THINK BOURDET, THE KING'S EVIL CHANCELLOR, HOLDS HIM AS A MASKED PRISONER--BUT WE MUST PROVE THAT...

AND WE'LL HELP YOU! BUT FIRST, WE MUST FIND A REFUGE FOR YOUR WOUNDED FRIENDS...



AND AS THE STAGGERED GUARDSMEN FLEE...

THANK YOU, STRANGERS! MY COMRADES WERE WOUNDED WHEN WE TRIED TO REACH THE PRISONED MAN IN THE IRON MASK!

WHO IS HE, D'ARTAGNAN? DO YOU KNOW?



AT A NEARBY PEASANT HOME, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...



THEY WILL BE WELL CARED FOR HERE! NOW, TO THE CASTLE--RIDE, MUSKETEERS!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE GRIM CASTLE OF PIGNEROL...

BUT M'SIEU BOURDET-- WE WOUNDED THOSE ACCURSED MUSKETEERS, YET THEY ROUTED US ALL! THAT BIG PORTHOS HAS INCREDIBLE STRENGTH!

BAH! NO ONE CAN DO SUCH THINGS AS YOU SAY! YOU'RE COWARDS!

JUST THEN...

TO ARMS! D'ARTAGNAN AND HIS FRIENDS ARE RIDING HERE!

FOUR SWORDSMEN-- AGAINST THIS WHOLE CASTLE? GOOD... WE CAN EASILY DISPOSE OF THESE FOOLHARDY MUSKETEERS-- AND THE KING WILL NEVER LEARN WE HOLD THIS PRISONER!

WHILE OUTSIDE...

SEE THOSE CANNON?...THEY'RE WAITING FOR US! YET WE MUST TRY TO GO IN!

YOU OTHERS WAIT HERE TILL I DRAW THEIR FIRE...

AND AS SUPERMAN APPROACHES THE BATTLEMENTS SINGLE-HANDED...

LOOK... IT'S THAT BIG MUSKETEER NAMED PORTHOS, WHO BRAGS HE HAS THE STRENGTH OF IRON!

SHOW HIM WHAT IRON FEELS LIKE. FIRE!

BUT IT'S A MAN OF STEEL, NOT IRON, WHO FACES THEM...

WHY--IT'S AS THOUGH THE CANNONBALLS BOUNCED OFF HIM!

YOU CLUMSY FOOLS MISSED, THAT'S ALL! LOAD AND FIRE AGAIN!

WITH THE NEXT ROUND, THE SUPER-MUSKETEER BECOMES A HUMAN CANNON...

H-HE CAUGHT THE CANNONBALLS... AND USED THEM TO SNAP THE CHAINS THAT HOLD THE DRAWBRIDGE UP!

BUT THE IRON GRATING BEHIND IT WILL STOP HIM!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, GUARDSMAN...

INCROYABLE!
HE TEARS IT
APART AS IF IT
WERE STRAW!

WE CAN'T
USE CANNON
IN HERE...
CHARGE HIM
WITH PIKES!

BUT OUR PIKES DON'T
HURT HIM--AND HE'S
USING THEM TO LIFT
US!

SUPERMAN HAS
REALLY MADE
"PIKERS" OF
THEM!

OUCH!
THE 17TH
CENTURY
DOESN'T
DESERVE
THAT PUN,
ROBIN!

I'LL
JUST TIE
UP THESE
MUSKETS TO
MAKE THEM
HARMLESS!

THEY'VE RISKED THEIR
LIVES FOR OUR PRISONER--
WHICH MEANS THEY'D DO
ANYTHING FOR HIM! 3
WE'VE ONE MORE
CHANCE... 3

PRESENTLY...

NOW FOR THE
MAN IN THE
IRON MASK!

YOU NEEDN'T
HUNT HIM-- HERE
HE IS! BUT HE
WILL NOT BE HERE
LONG, UNLESS
YOU SURRENDER!

WHY, EVEN WITH
X-RAY VISION, I
CAN'T SEE HIS FACE!
THAT IRON MASK MUST
BE LINED WITH LEAD,
TO MAKE IT
SMOOTHER!

WE CAN'T RISK
HIS LIFE... WE'VE
GOT TO SURRENDER!

WITHIN MINUTES...

EVEN PORTHOS CAN'T
BREAK SUCH CHAINS--
AND THE FUSE IN THE
ARSENAL WILL SOON
ELIMINATE THESE
WITNESSES! NOW,
OUT OF HERE!

DAREN'T BREAK
FREE NOW, OR THEY'D
SHOOT THEIR
PRISONER...

**BUT AS SOON AS BOURDET DEPARTS
WITH HIS PRISONER...**

GOT TO FIND
THAT ARSENAL AT
SUPER-SPEED...
ONLY A MOMENT TO
WORK IN!

**IN AN EMERGENCY, SUPERMAN TAKES A SHORT-
CUT, SMASHING THROUGH THE SOLID STONE WALL...**

GOT THE
FUSE--JUST
IN TIME!

AND AFTER FREEING HIS FRIENDS...

WHERE DO YOU
SUPPOSE THEY'VE
TAKEN THE
PRISONER?

ACCORDING TO
DR. NICHOLS'
HISTORIES, HE
WAS TAKEN TO
THE BASTILLE...
BUT I FEAR WE
CAN'T GET HIM OUT
OF THERE!

HISTORY SAYS THAT
THE **MAN IN THE IRON
MASK** LIVED HIS WHOLE
LATTER LIFE IN **THE
BASTILLE**--AND
DIED THERE!

THEN WE'RE
FOREDOOMED TO
FAILURE? I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT...WE'VE
GOT TO TRY, ANYWAY!

**SO THAT NIGHT, IN THE CITY OF
PARIS...**

THE BASTILLE
IS THIS WAY...
KEEP IN THE
SHADOWS!

I STILL
DON'T SEE
HOW HISTORY
CAN BE
WRONG!

**SOON, OUTSIDE THE GRIM
BASTILLE, MIGHTY
FORTRESS-PRISON
OF OLD FRANCE...**

I CAN SEE
HIM, IN A GUARDED
DUNGEON! I'LL HAVE
HIM OUT
IN A
MINUTE!

NO, WAIT! WE
MUST NOT ONLY
RESCUE HIM, BUT ALSO
PROVE TO THE KING THAT
BOURDET IS
GUILTY OF THIS
CRIME!

YOU AND D'ARTAGNAN
WATCH THE PRISONER,
SUPERMAN, TO
SEE HE ISN'T HARMED,
WHILE **ROBIN** AND I
BRING THE KING HERE!

WHEW! YOU'VE
PICKED A TOUGH
JOB, **BATMAN**--
BUT IF ANYONE
CAN DO IT, YOU
CAN! ALL RIGHT--
I'LL KEEP WATCH!

THROUGH THE OLD CITY, TWO MODERN
MUSKETEERS RIDE HARD...

THE KING IS AT
**VERSAILLES
PALACE**--WE
MUST HURRY!

WHAT
BOTHERS ME,
BATMAN,
IS THAT WE'RE
WANTED BY
BOURDET'S
GUARDS! WE'LL
HAVE TO DODGE
THEM!

THERE GO
ATHOS AND
ARAMIS!
AFTER THEM!

INDEED, AS
THEY REACH
A DESERTED
ROAD...

OH,
OH--WE
CAN'T
SHAKE
THEM
OFF!

YES WE
CAN!
GRAB OFF
SOME SHORT
BRANCHES
AND DO AS
I SAY...

AND AS THEY ROUND A BEND...

QUICK, WHILE THEY'RE NOT
IN SIGHT--TIE THE BRANCHES
TO YOUR SADDLE, LIKE
THIS!

I GET
IT...

MOMENTS LATER...

NOW--UP
INTO THE
BRANCHES!

AND THE STRATAGEM SUCCEEDS AS...

OUR CLOAKS AND HATS,
RIGGED ABOVE THE SADDLES,
FOOLED THEM! NOW TO
GET THE HORSES OF
THESE LAST TWO...

THERE
THEY GO--
WE CAN
RUN THEM
DOWN!

THAT SENT THE MAIN BODY
OFF ON A WILD-GOOSE
CHASE! NOW FOR THE
PALACE...

UPON REACHING THEIR DESTINATION...

THERE'S
THE ROYAL
BANNER--SO
THE KING'S
ROOMS MUST
BE UP IN
THAT CORNER!

BUT BOURDET'S
MEN ARE PATROL-
LING AROUND THE
PALACE! ONLY
ONE WAY TO
GAIN ENTRANCE...

IN THE BRIEF INTERVAL BETWEEN
PATROLS...

NEXT INSTANT, AS A SHARP SLAP STARTLES THE
HORSES AWAY...

THAT'S IT--
TOSS YOUR ROPE
OVER THAT BIG
FLAGSTAFF, THEN
TIE IT TO YOUR
SADDLE!

LET GO OF
YOUR ROPE THE
MOMENT WE
REACH THE
BALCONY!

BUT WHEN THE KING SIGHTS THESE STRANGE
INTRUDERS...

I HEAR
HORSES...
SEE WHO
IT IS!

NOW WE CAN
REACH THE KING
AND ASK HIM TO
COME SEE OUR
PROOF AGAINST
BOURDET!

AHA! MASKED
ASSASSINS!

NO, YOUR
MAJESTY!
PLEASE--
LISTEN...

HE WON'T
STOP... LEAP,
BATMAN!

AND AS BATMAN SWERVES WITH LIGHTNING SKILL...



IT'S NO USE... WHEN HE COMES TO, HE'LL JUST YELL FOR HELP!

HMM... MAYBE WE CAN AVOID THAT! I'VE GOT MY MAKEUP KIT IN MY UTILITY BELT-- AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF ROYAL COSTUMES HERE!



A MOMENT LATER...



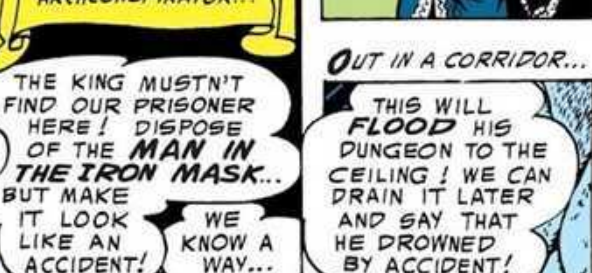
QUICKLY, THE WORLD'S GREATEST MASTER OF DISGUISE ADOPTS A NEW IDENTITY...



THE ROYAL IMPOSTURE SUCCEEDS, BUT...



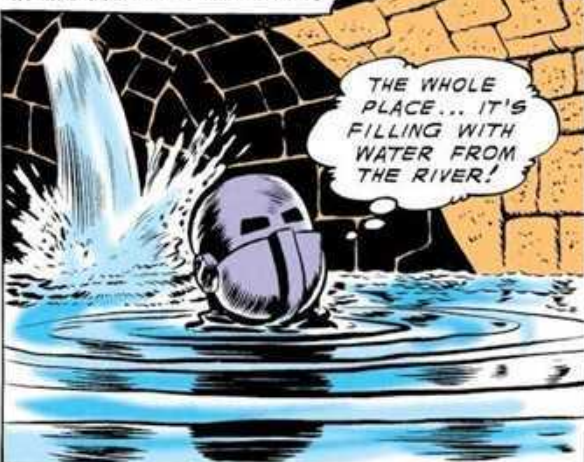
AND WHEN THE WINGED WARNING REACHES THE ARCHCONSPIRATOR...



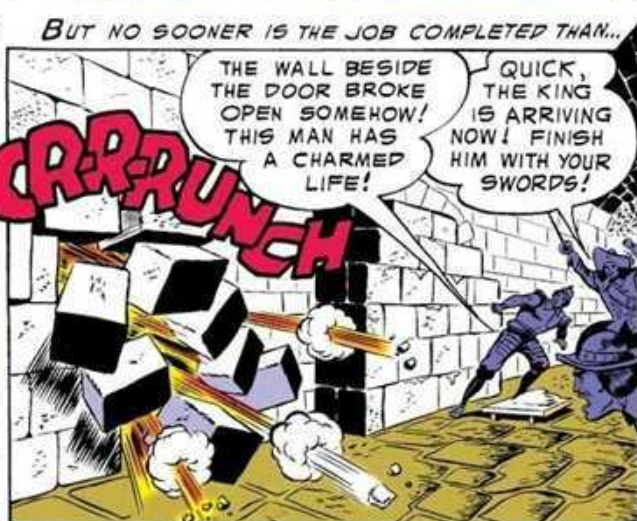
OUT IN A CORRIDOR...



WITHIN A FEW SHORT MINUTES,
IN THE PRISONER'S CELL...



BUT WHEN THE WATER IS DRAINED
AND THE DUNGEON OPENED...



WHY, IT'S **SUPERMAN**!
NO WONDER THEY COULDN'T
HURT HIM! BUT
HOW?...

I, COUNT FERNEY, WAS THE
MAN IN THE IRON MASK--
UNTIL D'ARTAGNAN'S
MIGHTY FRIEND
RESCUED ME
TONIGHT!

YOU SEE, I WAS
WORRIED ABOUT
THE PRISONER'S
SAFETY... SO--



"... SO I DECIDED TO GET
HIM OUT FAST! "

WHAT
IS THIS?...
A MAN BURSTING
UP THROUGH THE
SOLID ROCK!

I'M TAKING YOU
OUT THE SAME
WAY... YOUR FRIEND
D'ARTAGNAN WILL
KEEP YOU IN SAFETY!

TO PROVE
BOURDET'S
GUILT, I
TOOK HIS
PLACE IN THE
IRON MASK
UNTIL YOU
ARRIVED,
YOUR MAJESTY!

I AM THE
KING... ARREST
BOURDET!
AND NOW
THAT YOU
HAVE PROVED
YOUR CHARGES,
LET US
RE-EXCHANGE
CLOTHES,
GOOD **BATMAN**!

AND AFTER CHANGING IN
ANOTHER ROOM... SO

YOU, BOURDET,
SHALL BE PRISONED
FOR LIFE FOR
YOUR CRIME--
AND SHALL
WEAR THE
IRON MASK
YOURSELF!
THAT'S WHY A
**MAN IN THE
IRON MASK**
REMAINED
A PRISONER
IN **THE
BASTILLE**
FOR LIFE!



LATER...

WE CAN'T STAY!
DR. NICHOLS' TIME-RAY
IS STARTING TO DRAW
US BACK TO 1956!
QUICK, **SUPERMAN**
AND **ROBIN**... WE
MUST RESUME OUR
EVERYDAY IDENTITIES!

BUT NOW THAT
MY FRIENDS ARE
RECOVERED AND
FERNEY IS FREED,
YOU MUST STAY
AND...

AND SO, BACK IN THE PRESENT TIME...

I SEE...THE **MAN
IN THE IRON MASK**
WAS TWO DIFFERENT
PRISONERS--ONE INNOCENT,
THE OTHER GUILTY!

WE CAN'T TELL HIM
THERE WAS A THIRD
ONE, TOO-- A
SUPER-MAN
IN THE IRON MASK!



THE
END



EXCITING **GIGANTIC CONTEST!**
NEWS! **5000** PRIZES

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



AUG.
NO. 83

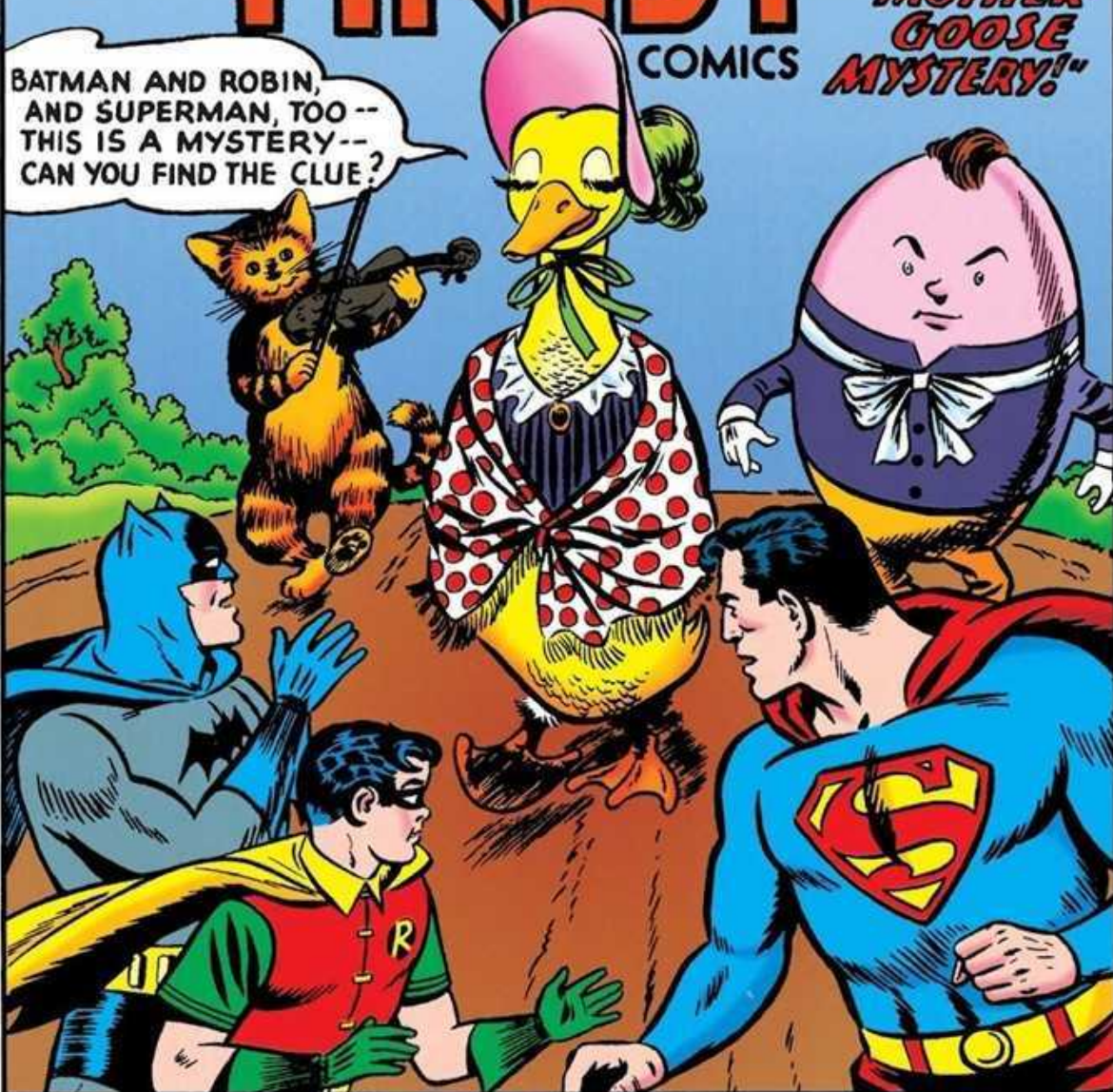
WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

Featuring
SUPERMAN
and **BATMAN**
IN THEIR STRANGEST
ADVENTURE--

*"The Case of the
**MOTHER
GOOSE
MYSTERY!**"*

BATMAN AND ROBIN,
AND SUPERMAN, TOO --
THIS IS A MYSTERY--
CAN YOU FIND THE CLUE?



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN

and

BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN

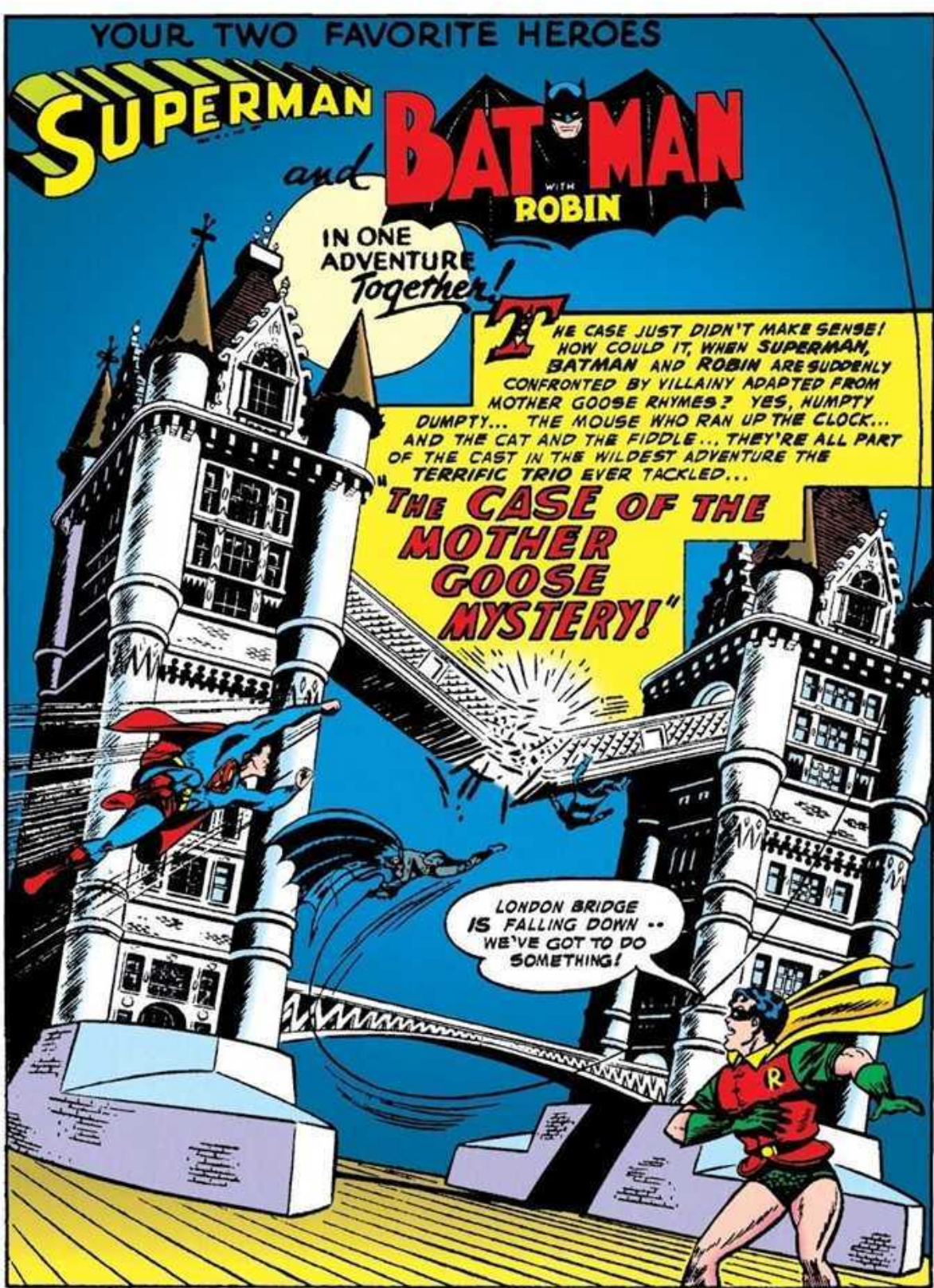
IN ONE
ADVENTURE

Together!

THE CASE JUST DIDN'T MAKE SENSE!
HOW COULD IT, WHEN SUPERMAN,
BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE SUDDENLY
CONFRONTED BY VILLAINY ADAPTED FROM
MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES? YES, HUMPTY
DUMPTY... THE MOUSE WHO RAN UP THE CLOCK...
AND THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE... THEY'RE ALL PART
OF THE CAST IN THE WILDEST ADVENTURE THE
TERRIFIC TRIO EVER TACKLED...

**"THE CASE OF THE
MOTHER
GOOSE
MYSTERY!"**

LONDON BRIDGE
IS FALLING DOWN --
WE'VE GOT TO DO
SOMETHING!



ONE NIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY, AS **SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND ROBIN** LEAVE THE ANNUAL POLICE BALL WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN HONORED GUESTS...



WELL, **SUPERMAN**, I GUESS YOU'LL BE LEAVING FOR METROPOLIS TONIGHT.

I MIGHT AS WELL! IT DOESN'T LOOK AS THOUGH THERE'S ANY CASE YOU'LL NEED MY HELP ON!



IT'S JUST SOME MAN DRESSED IN A COSTUME! BUT HE'S BEEN HURT! LOOKS LIKE THIS "HUMPTY DUMPTY" HAD A GREAT FALL!

FIND MOTHER GOOSE-- BE CAREFUL-- DANGER-- DANGER-- UHHH...

SUDDENLY, THEY ARE CONFRONTED BY A BIZARRE, EGG-SHAPED FIGURE!



AM I DREAMING? IT'S **HUMPTY DUMPTY!**



THE MAN SOUNDS DELIRIOUS! WE'D BETTER GET HIM TO A DOCTOR!

THERE'S ONE! **DR. KING** -- MAYBE THIS KING CAN PUT HUMPTY DUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN!



MOMENTS LATER...

I'LL TAKE HIM INTO THE EXAMINING ROOM WHILE YOU WAIT HERE! I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I'M FINISHED!



LONG MINUTES PASS, AND THE THREE CRIME-FIGHTERS BECOME RESTLESS.

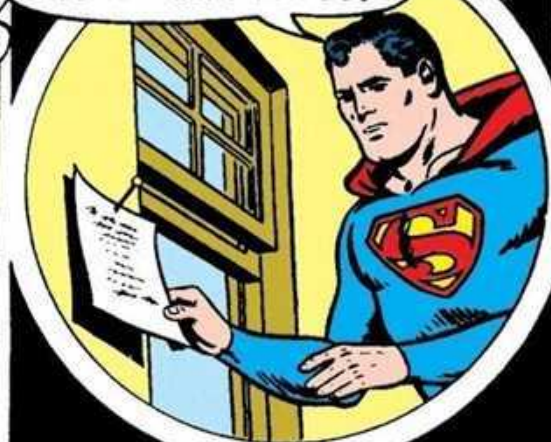
I WONDER WHAT'S TAKING THAT DOCTOR SO LONG?

LET'S GO IN AND FIND OUT!

THE ROOM'S EMPTY-- THIS IS NO DOCTOR'S OFFICE!

AND THAT MAN MUST HAVE JUST BEEN POSING AS A DOCTOR. INSTEAD OF SAVING HUMPTY DUMPTY, WE SEEM TO HAVE PLACED HIM IN THE HANDS OF HIS ENEMIES!

LOOK! HERE'S A NOTE THE "DOCTOR" LEFT FOR US!



You three have always been considered the world's greatest crime fighters! So this is a challenge, a duel of wits-- your combined intellect against mine! For your first clue, investigate London Bridge!

THAT MAN IN THE HUMPTY DUMPTY COSTUME--HE WARNED US ABOUT **MOTHER GOOSE!** OUR CHALLENGER HAS EMBARKED ON CRIMES INVOLVING MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES!

HMM! PERHAPS I'D BETTER FLY TO ENGLAND AND SEE IF HE'S PLANTED EXPLOSIVES ON LONDON BRIDGE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO ENGLAND! WE'VE GOT A LONDON BRIDGE RIGHT HERE IN GOTHAM CITY! I READ ABOUT IT IN YESTERDAY'S PAPERS!

"LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN!"



MOMENTS LATER, IN A HALL HOUSING A NEW EXHIBIT OF ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURES...

THERE IT IS-- A SCALE MODEL REPLICA OF THE LONDON BRIDGE-- AND I'LL BET THAT'S WHERE WE'LL FIND OUR FIRST CLUE!



SUDDENLY, THERE IS AN OMINOUS CRACKING SOUND...

IT'S HAPPENING! LONDON BRIDGE IS STARTING TO FALL! AND THAT GUARD, DRESSED AS A LONDON BOBBY, IS TOPPLING OVER!

CRACK



BATMAN'S STRONG RIGHT ARM TENSES EXPECTANTLY FOR THE HEAVY WEIGHT OF A HUMAN BODY, BUT...



HE'S FLOATING DOWN-- SLOWLY! NO WONDER! IT'S NOT A HE-- IT'S ONLY A MAN-SHAPED BALLOON IN COSTUME!

LOOPING HIS SILKEN LASSO OVER A CEILING FIXTURE, BATMAN SWINGS FORWARD...

SUPERMAN, I'LL CATCH THE GUARD-- YOU SAVE THE BRIDGE!



AT THE SAME INSTANT, SUPERMAN'S HANDS ARE BRACED FOR THE WEIGHT OF STEEL GIRDERS, BUT...



WHY... THE BRIDGE HAS NO WEIGHT AT ALL!

NO WONDER! IT'S MADE OF Balsa WOOD PAINTED TO RESEMBLE METAL!

I DIDN'T EVEN NEED SUPER-STRENGTH TO SAVE THAT BRIDGE!

As THE BAFFLED CRIME-FIGHTERS CONFER...

AND I DIDN'T NEED ANY ACROBATICS TO CATCH THAT FLOATING BALLOON! THIS CASE JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!



UPON CHECKING THE COSTUMED BALLOON, THE TRIO FINDS ANOTHER CLUE FROM THEIR MYSTERIOUS OPPONENT...

If you don't know the answer yet, try searching
*Hickory
Dickory
Dock!*

ANOTHER MOTHER GOOSE RHYME!

HICKORY... DOCK... THAT COULD MEAN A WATER-FRONT DOCK MADE OF HICKORY!

YOU'RE RIGHT, **SUPERMAN!** THERE IS ONE DOCK MADE ONLY OF HICKORY WOOD IN GOTHAM CITY! AND THERE'S AN OLD CLOCK TOWER ON IT!



LATER, AS THEY REACH THE HICKORY DOCK, BATMAN SIGHTS A SHADOWY FIGURE AND LAUNCHES HIMSELF FORWARD...

HE'S REACHING FOR A GUN!

JUST STAY PUT, BUSTER!



I WASN'T REACHIN' FOR A GUN-- IT WAS ONLY THIS PAPER I WAS PAID TO GIVE TO YA! AN' THE NAME ISN'T BUSTER-- IT'S **MOUSEY!**

... AN' I'M SUPPOSED TO LEAD YOU UP THAT CLOCK TOWER!

"HICKORY, DICKORY DOCK... THE MOUSE RAN UP THE CLOCK!" THIS CASE GETS CRAZIER AND CRAZIER!



MOMENTS LATER, THEY FOLLOW MOUSEY WARILY UP THE DUSTY STAIRS TO THE ABANDONED TOWER...

I'M SUPPOSED TO TAKE YOU IN THERE!

LEAD THE WAY, MOUSEY! IF WE GO IN, YOU GO IN WITH US!

UPON ENTERING THE ROOM HOUSING THE OLD CLOCK WORKS, THEY FIND A BIZARRE OCCUPANT...

A GOOSE-- DRESSED LIKE AN OLD LADY!

"MOTHER GOOSE"-- IN PERSON! AND THERE'S A NOTE PINNED TO HER BONNET!

HONK! HONK!

AS THEY INSTINCTIVELY MOVE FORWARD TO READ THE NOTE...

IRON BARS-- CAGING US! OUR WEIGHT TRIGGERED THE TRAP!

WE'RE TRAPPED!

DON'T BE SO MELODRAMATIC, ROBIN-- YOU'RE FORGETTING **SUPERMAN** IS WITH US! HE CAN OPEN THOSE STEEL BARS WITH HIS PINKY!

SEE? IT'S EASY!

IT'D BE EASY--EVEN FOR **ROBIN**! THESE STEEL BARS ARE ONLY PAPIER MACHE!

HUH? **SUPERMAN'S** RIGHT!

LOOK! A TRAP DOOR LEADING OUT OF HERE! IT'S CRAZY, BUT THE FACT IS OUR MYSTERIOUS OPPONENT HAS MADE **SURE** WE CAN ESCAPE! BUT WHY... WHY?

THE ANSWER DOES NOT COME FROM THE NEXT CLUE, PINNED TO THE GOOSE'S BONNET.

*Still puzzled?
Perhaps "The
Cat and the
Fiddle" will
help.*

YOU KNOW, I'M GETTING A HUNCH THAT THE ANSWER TO THIS MOTHER GOOSE CASE IS THAT IT'S REALLY A WILD GOOSE CHASE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! LET'S BACKTRACK AND DO SOME INVESTIGATING!

LATER, BACK IN THE BOGUS DOCTOR'S OFFICE...

A CIGAR--WITH **LIPSTICK** ON IT! DID A **WOMAN** SMOKE IT?

MORE PROBABLY A MALE **ACTOR**. WEARING **MAKEUP**-- AND REMEMBER, THE MAN IN THE HUMPTY DUMPTY COSTUME WORE MAKEUP!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, MOUSEY WALKS TO AN OFFICE BEARING AN UNUSUAL SIGN...

HUMPTY DUMPTY COULDN'T SMOKE A CIGAR IF HE WAS REALLY HURT! HE WAS FAKING HIS INJURY! THAT MEANS HE AND THE FAKE DOCTOR ARE ALLIED!

NOW WE **KNOW** THIS WHOLE MOTHER GOOSE CASE IS A FAKE, TOO! BUT-- **WHY?**

ADVENTURE, Inc.
R. MELVILLE, Pres.

AH, JONES, I HOPED YOU PLAYED YOUR "MOUSEY" ROLE AS WELL AS YOUR OTHER FELLOW ACTORS?

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN MY PERFORMANCE, MR. MELVILLE-- IT WAS TERRIFIC!

GOOD! GOOD! AFTER ALL, I WANT OUR CLIENTS TO GET A GOOD SHOW FOR THEIR MONEY! **ADVENTURE INC.** MUST GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT!

FOR A PRICE, MY STAFF OF WRITERS AND ACTORS MUST SUPPLY EXCITEMENT AND ADVENTURE FOR OUR CLIENTS, HURLING THEM INTO "DANGERS" THEY CAN RECALL WITH FONDNESS ALL THEIR LIVES!

OUR LATEST CLIENTS, THE RICH MCKENNA BROTHERS AND THEIR YOUNG NEPHEW, WANTED TO FEEL LIKE THEIR HEROES, **SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND ROBIN**, FOR ONE NIGHT... SO THEY PAID MY FEE, AND NOW THEY'RE ENJOYING THE EXCITING SCRIPT WE WROTE FOR THEM!

BUT, UNKNOWN TO **ADVENTURE INC.**, THEIR CLIENTS HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN THE DATES, AND ARE ACTUALLY SITTING AT HOME...

MEANWHILE, THE UNSUSPECTING MELVILLE PAYS OFF ACTOR JONES...

WELL, JOHN, TOMORROW NIGHT'S THE BIG NIGHT!

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF SCRIPT **ADVENTURE INC.** WILL SURPRISE US WITH?

GOSH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO PUT ON MY **ROBIN** COSTUME!

I'LL CALL YOU IF I HAVE ANOTHER PART OPEN!

JUST A FEW MEASLY BUCKS! THERE OUGHT TO BE SOME WAY I CAN CASH IN ON THIS SETUP!

LATER, THE ACTOR CONTACTS FOOT'S MOLEY, A SMALL-TIME HOODLUM...

SWIFTLY, JONES EXPLAINS THE FUNCTIONS OF ADVENTURE INC., AND...

FOOTS, YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO BE BIG-TIME... WITH A BIG REP! WHAT IF YOU COULD MAKE GUYS IN THIS TOWN THINK YOU'RE TOO TOUGH FOR BATMAN, SUPERMAN AND ROBIN?

YOU KIDDIN'? GUYS WOULD BE BEGGIN' TO JOIN MY MOB! AW-- BUT HOW CAN ANYBODY LICK THAT TRIO?

WHEN THE THREE CLIENTS ARRIVE AT THEIR NEXT STOP, YOU CAN ACT TOUGH WITH THEM!

SURE--AND THE THREE FAKES WILL THINK WE'RE ACTORS FOLLOWING THE SCRIPT! THEY WON'T KNOW THEY'LL MAKE MY REPUTATION AS A GANG LEADER!

SOON AFTER, OUTSIDE THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE NIGHT CLUB, JONES BRIEFS FOOT'S AND HIS HENCHMEN ON THE SCRIPT PREPARED BY ADVENTURE INC.

ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPT, THE FAKE **SUPERMAN** CAN PRETEND TO CARRY THE COW AND MAKE IT FOLLOW THE LINE, "THE COW JUMPED OVER THE MOON."

HOW'D YOU GUYS RIG THINGS SO THE GUY COULD MAKE LIKE **SUPERMAN**?

SOON AFTER, THE BANDITS PULL A SURPRISE HOLDUP INSIDE THE NIGHTCLUB...

HAND IT OVER, FOLKS--AND NOBODY'LL GET HURT!

IT'S SIMPLE! THE "COW" IS A HELIUM BLIMP THAT'LL FLOAT UP ALONG THE GUIDE WIRE--AND "JUMPS" OVER THE NEON MOON, WITH "**SUPERMAN**" PRETENDING TO CARRY IT WITH HIS "**SUPER-STRENGTH**"!

MEANWHILE...

WE MIGHT AS WELL FOLLOW THIS CASE TO THE END! NOW THAT WE KNOW THE CRAZY CLUES HAVE NO MEANING, WE'LL BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!

INSTANTS LATER...

THE CLUE MUST MEAN THIS NIGHT-CLUB! IT'S THE ONLY "CAT AND THE FIDDLE" THAT I KNOW OF!

LOOK-- ANOTHER SETUP FOR A SUPER-STUNT!



AFTER INSPECTING AND CORRECTLY GUESSING THE RIG'S USE...

DO YOU REALIZE EVERYTHING'S BEEN ARRANGED FOR TYPICAL **BATMAN, ROBIN AND SUPERMAN** ACTION-- YET AT NO TIME DID WE ACTUALLY HAVE TO USE OUR PARTICULAR SKILLS?

YES--**ANYONE** COULD HAVE PERFORMED THOSE STUNTS!



AT THAT MOMENT, MELVILLE AND HIS **ADVENTURE INC.** STAFF ARRIVE TO WATCH THE FINAL ACT OF THEIR SCRIPT...

I MUST MAKE SURE THE MCKENNA FAMILY REALLY ENJOYS THE LAST ACT OF THE ADVENTURE THEY PAID FOR!

Cat and the FIDDLE PARKING AREA



AND SO, DUE TO A MUTUAL MISUNDERSTANDING, THE CASE OF THE CRAZY CLUES REACHES ITS WILD CLIMAX...



OOF! THE REAL ROBIN COULDN'T BE ANY TRICKIER THAN THIS KID!

UHH! THIS GUY HITS AS HARD AS THE REAL BATMAN!



AS THE ACTION PROGRESSES, THINGS GET MORE CONFUSING...

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND! THIS WASN'T IN THE SCRIPT AT ALL!



MEANWHILE, FOOTS IS GETTING ANGRIER AND ANGRIER...

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY'D BE EASY TO ROUGH UP! BAH! THE ONLY WAY I CAN STILL SAVE MY REP IS BY WOUNDING THAT PHONEY "SUPERMAN"!

??



BUT THE SLUG FLATTENS HARMLESSLY AGAINST THE MAN OF STEEL...



YOW! AT THE RATE WE'RE TRAVELIN' THIS "COW" IS GONNA JUMP OVER THE REAL MOON!

"THE COW JUMPED OVER THE MOON!" AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

DON'T WORRY, FOOTS-- THE GUIDE WIRE WON'T LET IT RIDE ANY FURTHER THAN THE ROOF POLE!

BUT SUPERMAN'S POWERFUL KICK SENDS THE "COW" BURSTING FREE OF THE GUIDE WIRE...



THEN, AS A COLORFUL FIGURE BOUNDS SKYWARD TO CATCH THE "COW" IN MIDLIGHT, THE CONSPIRATORS REALIZE THE TERRIBLE TRUTH...

I'M SEEING THINGS!

YOU'RE SEEIN' THE REAL SUPERMAN!



SOON AFTER, WHEN THE BANDITS ARE ROUNDED UP...

THERE'S THE REST OF THE GANG, **SUPERMAN!** LET'S TAKE THEM IN, TOO!

NO, NO-- A TERRIBLE MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE! LET US GO TO MY OFFICE. I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.



LATER, A QUICK PHONE CALL BRINGS THE MCKENNA BROTHERS TO THE OFFICE...

LATER, WHEN THE FUNCTION OF **ADVENTURE INC.**, HAS BEEN EXPLAINED...

...SO YOU SEE, WE ARRANGED EVERYTHING LEGITIMATELY-- THE CLOCK, THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE, THE TEMPORARY EXHIBITION OF LONDON BRIDGE... EVERYTHING!

AND THAT EXPLAINS WHY ALL THE ACTION WAS SO HARMLESS! YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOUR CLIENTS COULDN'T BE INJURED!

BECAUSE OF A MIXUP IN SCHEDULE, **ADVENTURE INC.** MISTOOK YOU FOR US IN DISGUISE! IT WAS JUST COINCIDENCE YOU HAPPENED ALONG WHEN YOU DID!

I MUST SAY THIS CASE HAD US GUESSING!



IT MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD SCRIPT, MR. MELVILLE!

IT WAS TERRIFIC! JUST LISTEN TO THIS OPENING...

...IT'S NIGHT... **SUPERMAN, BATMAN AND ROBIN** ARE SUDDENLY CONFRONTED BY A FANTASTIC FIGURE IN HUMPTY DUMPTY GARB...

LET'S GO-- THIS IS WHERE WE CAME IN!





OCT.
NO. 84

In this issue: DETAILS and ENTRY BLANK for
Giant 5000 PRIZE CONTEST!

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



WORLD'S FINEST COMICS

Your favorite heroes,

**SUPERMAN
and BATMAN
Together**

IN ANOTHER EXCITING
ADVENTURE--

**"The
SUPER-MYSTERY
of METROPOLIS!"**



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN and BATMAN

AND ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

SOMETHING IN HIS PAST HAS ALWAYS WORRIED **SUPERMAN** AND NOW, SUDDENLY, THAT SECRET REACHES OUT OF THE PAST TO THREATEN THE USEFULNESS OF THE **MAN OF STEEL**. HERE'S THE DRAMATIC STORY OF HOW THE TWO GREATEST DETECTIVES, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, CALL ON ALL THEIR SLEUTHING SKILL TO SOLVE

The **SUPER-MYSTERY** OF **METROPOLIS!**

DAILY PLANET
**WHAT HAS
HAPPENED TO
SUPERMAN?**



HERE COME
BATMAN AND
ROBIN-- MAYBE
THEY CAN SOLVE
THIS MYSTERY!

PLANET
HAS

HOTEL

ONE MORNING, AS **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO METROPOLIS FROM A MISSION...

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS-- **YOU**, THAD LINNIS!

I'VE BEEN WAITING TO SEE YOU, **SUPERMAN**! I SEE YOU REMEMBER ME--!

YOU KNOW THAT I CAN EXPOSE YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! AND I WILL-- **UNLESS YOU LEAVE METROPOLIS FOR TWO WEEKS!**

IT-- IT SEEMS I HAVE NO CHOICE!

I WAS ALWAYS WORRIED HE'D APPEAR SOME DAY! HE MUST BE PLANNING SOME BIG CRIME, TO WANT TO GET RID OF ME!

SOON, IN A CLOSET AT THE **DAILY PLANET**, HE CHANGES TO HIS EVERYDAY IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT, MILD-MANNERED REPORTER...

...YES, YES, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR VACATION NOW, CLARK-- I CAN ALWAYS SPARE **YOU!**

THAT TAKES CARE OF CLARK KENT'S LEAVE-- AND NOW **SUPERMAN** MUST DESERT METROPOLIS!

NEXT DAY, AS A GREAT LINER DOCKS AT METROPOLIS...

THE CABLES SNAPPED-- WE'LL CRASH INTO THE BRIDGE!

ONLY **SUPERMAN** CAN HOLD US BACK-- BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM!

LUCKILY, A FREAK EDDY SWUNG US AROUND IN TIME TO MISS THE PIER!

IT'S STRANGE, **SUPERMAN** DIDN'T SHOW UP-- HE ALWAYS APPEARS TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCIES LIKE THAT!

IN THE NEXT DAYS, REPORTER LOIS LANE BECOMES INCREASINGLY DISMAYED!

AND LOIS' DISMAY SOON DEEPENS!



THE RAIN IS ALL THAT'S PUTTING OUT THAT PENTHOUSE FIRE-- WE COULDN'T REACH IT FAST WITH THIS EQUIPMENT!

AND AGAIN **SUPERMAN** NEVER APPEARED! IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO IGNORE DANGERS LIKE THIS! I'M GOING TO INVESTIGATE!

SUPERMAN HASN'T EVEN BEEN **SEEN** FOR DAYS! AND HE'S IGNORED ALL THESE THREATS TO METROPOLIS! HE'D SURELY HAVE APPEARED IF HE COULD!

LOIS, YOU'RE RIGHT! IT LOOKS AS THOUGH **SUPERMAN** HAS DISAPPEARED!



AND EVERYONE IS PUZZLED...

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO **SUPERMAN**?

MAYBE HE'S JUST GONE AWAY ON SOME SECRET MISSION?

NO, HE'D COME BACK WHEN HE LEARNED METROPOLIS IS SO WORRIED! SOMETHING **HAS** HAPPENED TO HIM!



WE **MUST** FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO **SUPERMAN**! HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS ARE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**-- THEY COULD FIND OUT, IF ANYONE CAN!

I'LL CALL THE GOTHAM CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER AT ONCE!



AND SOON, OVER DISTANT GOTHAM CITY FLASHES AN EERIE SIGN IN THE SKY!

BRUCE, THERE'S THE **BAT-SIGNAL**!

WONDER WHAT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE WANTED FOR THIS TIME?

BUT WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON-- WHO ARE SECRETLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**-- DON'T DREAM WHAT STRANGE TRICK OF FATE IS CALLING!

AFTER A SWIFT TRIP TO METROPOLIS IN THEIR **BAT-PLANE**...

YOU'RE RIGHT, LOIS-- **SUPERMAN** WOULD NEVER IGNORE THREATENED DISASTERS! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM!

BUT WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT!



THUS THE DYNAMIC DETECTIVE DUO BEGIN A SUPER-QUEST!

OUR STUDY PROVES **NO** CURRENTS COULD HAVE SAVED THAT SHIP! AND THE WEATHER BUREAU DIDN'T PREDICT THE RAIN THAT STOPPED THAT PENTHOUSE FIRE!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN, **BATMAN**?

SUPERMAN COULD HAVE DIVED **UNDER** THAT LINER AND VEERED IT ASIDE-- AND HE COULD HAVE CAUSED THAT RAIN!

YOU MEAN HE'S **DELIBERATELY** HIDING? BUT **WHY--** AND **WHERE?**

FOR THE ANSWERS, THE **BATPLANE** RISES INTO A THUNDERSTORM!

ALL THOSE LIGHTNING BOLTS, BUT NONE IS HITTING THE CITY, **ROBIN--** SOMETHING OR **SOMEONE** ABOVE IS STOPPING THEM!

SURE, WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION, **SUPERMAN** COULD BE KEEPING SECRET WATCH OVER METROPOLIS FROM HIGH IN THE SKY, AND PREVENTING ANY DISASTERS!

THANKS FOR STOPPING **THAT** BOLT, **SUPERMAN!** BUT WHY ARE YOU HIDING UP HERE, WHEN EVERY-ONE'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU?

I'VE HAD TO KEEP A **SECRET** WATCH OVER METROPOLIS-- NOT ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES, BUT FOR CERTAIN CROOKS WHO ARE PLOTTING SOMETHING BIG!

AND IN A DRAMATIC ENCOUNTER IN THE STORMY SKY...

ON A ROCKY HEIGHT FROM WHICH HE CAN CONTINUE SCANNING THE CITY...

BUT-- WHY IN THE WORLD MUST YOU DO IT SECRETLY?

THE CROOKS' LEADER WILL EXPOSE MY IDENTITY IF I APPEAR! I'VE GOT TO WAIT UNTIL I CAN CATCH THEM RED-HANDED OR IT MAY BE THE END OF MY CAREER!

BUT NO ONE BUT US KNOWS YOUR IDENTITY!

THIS CROOK KNOWS-- HE GOT EVIDENCE OF MY IDENTITY YEARS AGO! I'VE BEEN WORRIED EVER SINCE!

"IT BEGAN YEARS AGO IN SMALLVILLE WHEN I WAS **SUPERBOY**!"

"I NOTICED THAT A STRANGER WAS WATCHING ME..."

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-- HE'S TRYING TO TRAIL ME HOME, TO FIND OUT WHO I AM! BUT I'LL SHAKE HIM OFF WITH SOME **SUPER-SPEED**!

THOSE TRUCKS WOULD HAVE CRASHED IF **SUPERBOY** HADN'T LIFTED ONE OVER THE OTHER!

"BUT AS I BUILT A DAM FOR A DROUGHT-STRICKEN FARMER..."

"BUT NEXT DAY, IN ANSWER TO AN URGENT CALL, I FOUND I HAD MORE THAN THAD LINNIS TO WORRY ABOUT!"

I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW TO DIG IRRIGATION CHANNELS FOR YOU!

THAT BOY ACCOMPLICE OF LINNIS-- WATCHING ME!

LINNIS HAS AN ACCOMPLICE-- THAT BOY! CAN'T STOP NOW, BUT I MUST BE DOUBLY CAREFUL!

--AND IF WE LEARN WHO **SUPERBOY** IS, WE CAN MAKE HIM DO ANYTHING WE WANT BY THREATENING TO EXPOSE HIM!

"NEXT DAY, WHEN I RETURNED TO THE FARM..."

HE'S HERE AGAIN -- AND WRITING SOMETHING IN A NOTEBOOK. BUT WHAT?

"THE BOY DIDN'T FOLLOW ME HOME-- YET AS CLARK KENT AT HOME THAT NIGHT, I FELT UNEASY!"

I NEVER SAW THAT BOY IN SMALLVILLE BEFORE-- BUT HE LOOKED KEEN! I MUST BE ON MY GUARD!

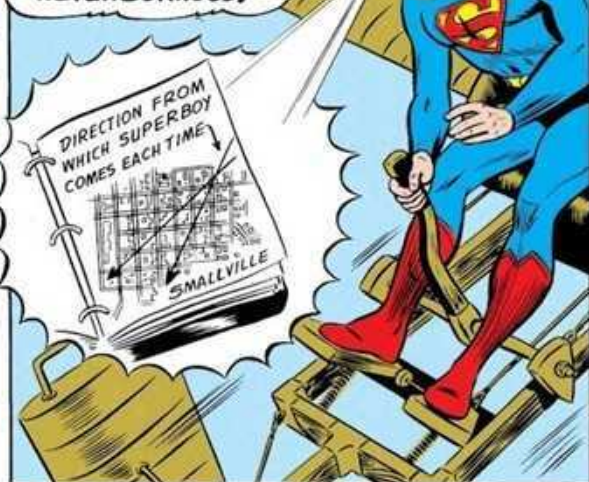


"NEXT DAY, WHEN I ARRIVED FOR A SCHEDULED APPEARANCE AT THE SMALLVILLE AIR SHOW..."

THERE HE IS AGAIN, NOTING SOMETHING ABOUT ME! I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO!



HE'S PLOTTING THE DIRECTION I COME FROM EACH TIME-- TO GET MY STARTING-POINT, ALREADY HE'S LOCATED MY APPROXIMATE NEIGHBORHOOD!



"I REALIZED I WAS UP AGAINST A SHARP ANTAGONIST, SO THE NEXT DAY..."



"TO GET OUT UNSEEN, I WENT DOWN TO THE BASEMENT TO SWITCH TO MY UNIFORM..."

I'LL TRAVEL UNDERGROUND A FEW MILES BEFORE SHOWING MYSELF-- I CAN CLOSE THE FISSURE I MAKE, WHEN I RETURN!



BUT AS I PLACED THE BIG NEW BELL IN CITY HALL TOWER, I LOOKED BACK WITH TELESCOPIC VISION...



HE'S CHECKING THE WHEREABOUTS OF EVERY BOY IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD-- AND HE'LL FIND CLARK KENT UNACCOUNTED FOR!

"I FINISHED MY JOB AND FLASHED HOME UNDERGROUND, AWARE OF MY DANGER!"



NO, MY BOY ISN'T HOME-- BUT WAIT, HERE HE IS! I DIDN'T SEE YOU IN THE HOUSE, CLARK! WERE YOU DOWN IN THE BASEMENT?

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE NOT THE BOY I'M LOOKING FOR!

"SOON, AT DAD KENT'S STORE..."

THERE HE IS AGAIN-- PARKING HIS BICYCLE. HE'S COMING IN HERE TO TEST ME FURTHER!



BUT A LITTLE LATER... ROCK-DUST IN MY HAIR, FROM BURROWING UNDERGROUND! WHEN MOTHER MENTIONED THE BASEMENT, THAT BOY LOOKED AT MY HAIR-- HE MAY GUESS HOW I GOT IN AND OUT AS **SUPERBOY!**



SURE, WE CARRY ALL SIZES! THEY'RE UP IN THAT CRATE!

ER--I WANT TO GET A NEW TIRE FOR MY BIKE!



THEN, AS I WAS ABOUT TO TAKE THE CRATE DOWN, I REALIZED MY DANGER!"

THIS HEAVY CRATE-- IF I TAKE IT DOWN ALONE, IT WOULD PROVE I'M **SUPER-STRONG!**

MIND HELPING ME LIFT IT DOWN?

OH, ER-- GLAD TO HELP!





THAT BOY IS SHADOWING ME-- BUT I'VE GOT TO MOVE THIS AND THEN HELP THE FIREMEN!

"BUT, AS I HELPED EXTINGUISH THE MAIN BLAZE, AN APPALLING REALIZATION CAME TO ME!"

MY HANDS WERE SUPER-HEATED IN THE FLAMES--I MUST HAVE LEFT HEAT-CHARRED FINGER-PRINTS ON THAT WOODEN BUILDING I JUST MOVED!



THE FIRE OUT, I RACED TO THE LITTLE BUILDING--BUT TOO LATE! MY CHARRED FINGERPRINTS HAVE BEEN CUT OUT! BUT I CAN SEE WITH X-RAY VISION THAT BOY DOESN'T HAVE THEM-- HE MUST HAVE GIVEN THEM TO LINNIS!

"I SPED AFTER LINNIS---BUT..."

YOU CAN SEE BY YOUR X-RAY VISION THAT I DON'T HAVE THEM NOW. BUT MAYBE I'LL USE THOSE FINGERPRINTS SOME DAY!

MY PRINTS MUST BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE NEAR--I MUST FIND THEM--



AND NOW, AS SUPERMAN FINISHES HIS STORY...

BUT I NEVER DID FIND THEM! I ALWAYS FEARED LINNIS WOULD SOMEDAY USE THEM TO THREATEN ME-- AND NOW HE'S DONE SO!

BUT, SUPERMAN--

LINNIS DEMANDED I GET OUT OF METROPOLIS! BUT I MUST HOVER SECRETLY ABOVE THE CITY, AND PREVENT HIS CROOKED PLANS, EVEN IF HE EXPOSES ME!

SUPERMAN, THAT STORY OF YOUR PAST-- YOU DON'T KNOW ALL OF IT!



I KNOW, BECAUSE I, BRUCE WAYNE, WAS THAT BOY WHO TRIED TO LEARN YOUR IDENTITY!

NO, **BATMAN**, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'D NEVER HAVE HELPED A CROOK LIKE LINNIS!



"I WASN'T LINNIS' ACCOMPLICE! MY PARENTS HAD COME TO SPEND A VACATION NEAR SMALLVILLE..."



DON'T GO TOO FAR, BRUCE!

JUST TO SMALLVILLE-- YOU KNOW **SUPERBOY** LIVES THERE, AND I'M EAGER TO SEE HIM!

BUT IT WASN'T ONLY CURIOSITY THAT INTERESTED ME IN **SUPERBOY**!



WOW, HE IS SUPER! NO ONE KNOWS HIS REAL IDENTITY-- BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!

"YES, I'D RESOLVED TO DISCOVER **SUPERBOY'S** IDENTITY--BUT I HAD NO INTENTION OF REVEALING IT!"



I WANT TO BE A GREAT DETECTIVE SOME DAY! IF I CAN SOLVE **SUPERBOY'S** IDENTITY, I'LL KNOW I'M FITTED FOR THAT CAREER-- BUT I MUST NEVER GIVE HIS SECRET AWAY!

"BUT A CROOKED CHARACTER HAD SEEN ME WATCHING **SUPERBOY** CLOSELY! AND NEXT MORNING..."



--AND IF WE LEARN WHO **SUPERBOY** IS, WE CAN MAKE HIM DO ANYTHING WE WANT BY THREATENING TO EXPOSE HIM!

I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF YOUR SCHEME! EXPOSING **SUPERBOY** IS THE LAST THING I'D DO!

"YOU DIDN'T HEAR MY ANSWER AS YOU PASSED OVERHEAD, SO YOU THOUGHT I WAS LINNIS' ACCOMPLICE!"



MY DIRECTION-MAP SHOWS **SUPERBOY** LIVES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD-- AND CLARK KENT APPEARED WITH **ROCK-DUST** IN HIS HAIR AFTER HIS MOTHER SAID HE WASN'T IN!

CLARK KENT COULD BE SUPERBOY!

"WHEN I BOUGHT THAT BICYCLE TIRE, I WAS TRYING TO TRAP YOU-- BUT NOT THE WAY YOU THOUGHT!"

HERE'S THE TIRE FOR YOUR BIKE!

HE KNEW THE RIGHT SIZE TIRE, YET HE COULDN'T HAVE SEEN MY BIKE-- EXCEPT BY X-RAY VISION THROUGH THE BRICK WALL!



"I FELT SURE, THEN, CLARK KENT WAS SUPERBOY, AND AT THE FIRE LATER, I SAW MY CHANCE TO GET PROOF!"

SUPERBOY'S HANDS, SUPERHEATED IN THE FLAMES, LEFT CHARRED FINGERPRINTS! I'LL CUT THEM OUT OF THE WOOD!



BUT AS I SECURED THAT ABSOLUTE PROOF...

SO YOU GOT **SUPERBOY'S** FINGERPRINTS! WITH THOSE, WE'VE GOT HIM COLD!

I NEVER REALIZED MY PLAYING DETECTIVE COULD ENDANGER **SUPERBOY'S** GREAT CAREER! THESE CLUES-- LINNIS MUSTN'T GET THEM--



NO ONE-- NOT EVEN I-- WILL EVER PROVE **SUPERBOY'S** IDENTITY FROM THOSE CLUES!

YOU FOOL-- THOSE WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTH A FORTUNE! I MAY AS WELL LEAVE HERE NOW!



BUT, **BATMAN**-- WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE THAT BOY DETECTIVE YEARS AGO?

I FEARED, IF YOU LEARNED HOW CLOSE YOU'D BEEN TO EXPOSURE, IT MIGHT IMPAIR YOUR CONFIDENCE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU **KNEW** OF THOSE FINGERPRINTS!



THEN LINNIS, WHEN HE THREATENED TO EXPOSE ME, WAS ONLY **BLUFFING**!

YES-- SINCE YOU THOUGHT HE **MIGHT** HAVE SOME CLUES, HE USED IT TO BLUFF YOU! BUT WE'LL CALL HIS BLUFF!



AND AS LINNIS' MOB COMPLETES ITS TREMENDOUS THEFT-PLAN...

THE SUPER-TANK IS READY-- NOTHING CAN STOP IT BUT **SUPERMAN**, AND I SCARED HIM OUT OF TOWN!

THAT'S THEIR PLOT-- A SUPER-TANK TO LOOT THE CITY! WE'LL LAND THE **BATPLANE** IN THE PARK NEARBY!

IT'LL BE EASY, CRACKING ALL THE BANKS!

EVEN IF HE HUNG AROUND, HE COULDN'T SEE WHAT WE WERE PREPARING IN THIS **LEAD-LINED GARAGE**! NOW LET'S GET GOING!

WHAT--? WHY, IT'S **SUPERMAN**! I THOUGHT YOU HAD HIM BLUFFED, LINNIS!

I THOUGHT I HAD, TOO!

LET ME SHAKE THEM OUT FOR YOU, **BATMAN**!

YOU MAKE IT ALMOST TOO EASY, **SUPERMAN**!

HE MUST HAVE CAUGHT ON SOMEHOW THAT I COULDN'T REALLY EXPOSE HIM-- BUT HOW DID HE?

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW! AND I'LL JUST CONVERT YOUR CRIME-TANK INTO SCRAP!

LATER...

METROPOLIS WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU BROUGHT BACK **SUPERMAN**! YOU ARE A GREAT DETECTIVE, **BATMAN**!

LOIS WILL NEVER KNOW HOW GREAT A DETECTIVE **BATMAN** WAS, WHEN HE WAS JUST A BOY!

THE END.

NO. 85 **DEC.**APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY

WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

ANOTHER
ADVENTURE
FEATURING YOUR
TWO FAVORITE
HEROES,
SUPERMAN
and **BATMAN**
as *The*
**SUPER-
RIVALS!**

THIS IS
FOR YOU,
PRINCESS!

BATMAN'S
DIAMOND IS
TINY... I JUST
MADE THIS
FOR YOU!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

WHEN TWO MEN WOO THE SAME GIRL, THEIR RIVALRY IS BOUND TO CAUSE SOME TROUBLE... BUT WHEN THE TWO MEN ARE SUPERMAN AND BATMAN, THE WHOLE WORLD ROCKS TO THE SENSATIONAL CONTEST BETWEEN...

THE
**SUPER-
RIVALS**

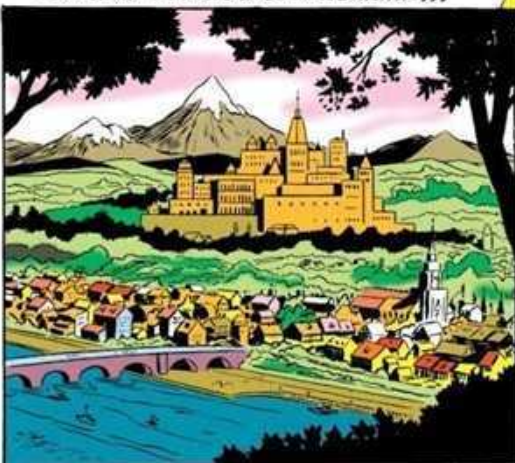
IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

LOOK AT THEM,
LOIS-- MOONING
OVER THE
PRINCESS!



THIS AMAZING STORY BEGINS IN THE FARAWAY KINGDOM OF BALKANIA...

...WHEN ITS RULER, PRINCESS VARINA, MAKES A FATEFUL DECISION...



BUT AS YOUR PRIME MINISTER, I THINK A VISIT TO AMERICA WOULD BE UNWISE AT THIS TIME, PRINCESS!

NEVERTHELESS, COUNT ZITU, I WANT TO GO -- SO YOU WILL MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS!



NEXT DAY, AS A LINER FORGES TOWARD METROPOLIS, A MESSAGE COMES TO THE **DAILY PLANET**...

CLARK--LOIS! THE BALKANIAN PRIME MINISTER HAS RADIOED THAT PRINCESS VARINA WANTS TO SEE AMERICA'S TWO GREATEST WONDERS--**SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN**!

REALLY? I'LL...ER... TELL **SUPERMAN** AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

SINCE I'M SECRETLY **SUPERMAN** THAT WON'T BE HARD!



WHILE IN DISTANT GOTHAM CITY, SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD PICK GRAYSON, SEE A SUMMONING SIGNAL...



THE **BAT-SIGNAL**, BRUCE... COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS TO SEE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

LET'S GO, PICK...



THUS, SOME DAYS LATER, WHEN A GREAT LINER BEARS A ROYAL PARTY INTO **METROPOLIS BAY**...

A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB--AND MINUTES LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

NOTHING URGENT THIS TIME, **BATMAN**... YOU'VE JUST BEEN ASKED TO GO HELP **SUPERMAN** WELCOME A PRINCESS!

WHAT--? THAT'S THE LAST ASSIGNMENT WE EVER EXPECTED, COMMISSIONER!

LOOK, YOUR HIGHNESS! **SUPERMAN** IS **TOWING** OUR SHIP TO ITS DOCK!

Welcome, Princess Varina

WHAT STRENGTH! AND THERE'S THE FAMOUS **BAT-PLANE** SKY-WRITING A WELCOME!



LATER, AS LOIS LANE, OF THE DAILY PLANET, AND VICKI VALE, OF VUE MAGAZINE, WAIT FOR THE ROYAL PARTY TO DISEMBARK...

HOW **SUPERMAN** HATES A JOB LIKE THIS-- WELCOMING A GIRL... BUT HE COULDN'T GET OUT OF IT!

AND **BATMAN**, TOO-- I KNOW HOW BORED HE'LL BE!

ALLOW ME, YOUR HIGHNESS!



NO-- I'LL SEE HER HIGHNESS ASHORE!

WHY, **SUPERMAN** NEVER EVEN SAW ME!

AND **BATMAN** IGNORED ME!

WANT TO RIDE IN THE **BAT-MOBILE**, LADIES? **BATMAN'S** GOING IN THE PRINCESS' CAR!



AND AS A GREAT TICKER-TAPE WELCOME TO METROPOLIS GETS UNDER WAY...



YOU MUST SEE MY HOMETOWN-- GOTHAM CITY!

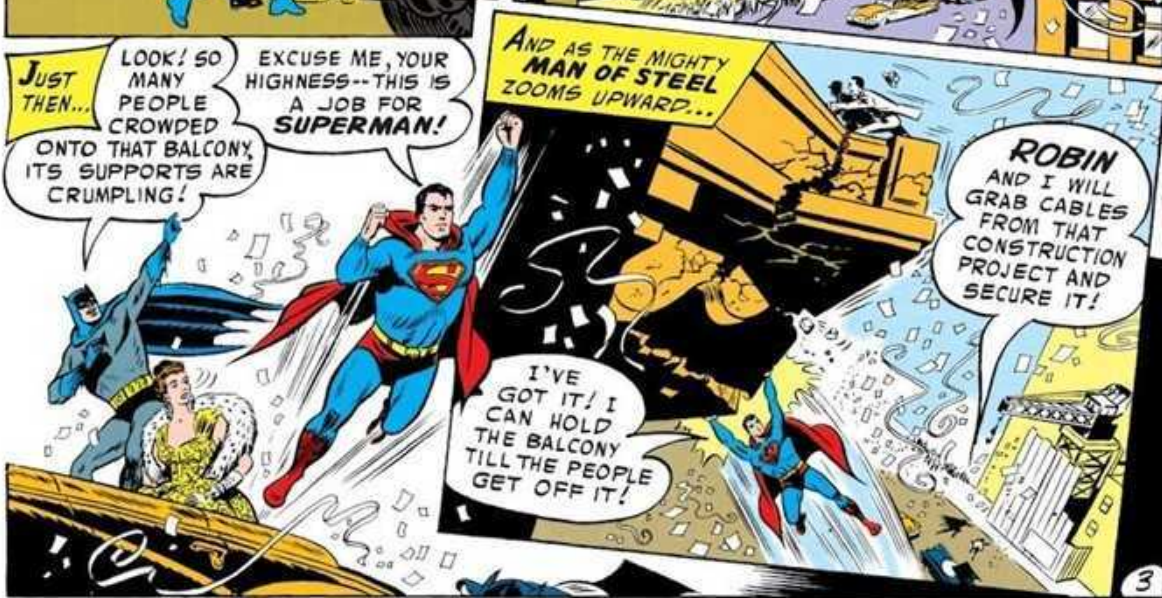
I HOPE TO, **BATMAN**!

JUST THEN...

LOOK! SO MANY PEOPLE CROWDED ONTO THAT BALCONY, ITS SUPPORTS ARE CRUMPLING!

EXCUSE ME, YOUR HIGHNESS-- THIS IS A JOB FOR **SUPERMAN**!

AND AS THE MIGHTY **MAN OF STEEL** ZOOMS UPWARD...



I'VE GOT IT! I CAN HOLD THE BALCONY TILL THE PEOPLE GET OFF IT!

ROBIN AND I WILL GRAB CABLES FROM THAT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND SECURE IT!

MINUTES LATER...

PAY OUT THE
CABLES,
ROBIN,
AND I'LL
TIE THEM
TO THE
BALCONY!

WHAT STRENGTH **SUPERMAN**
HAS! WHAT GRACE AND
SKILL **BATMAN**
SHOWS!

HMPH!... SOMETHING TELLS
ME THOSE TWO BIG HAMS
ENJOY SHOWING OFF FOR
THE PRINCESS, VICKI!

GOOD...
THAT WAY, THE
WELCOME PARADE
CAN GO RIGHT
AHEAD!

INDEED, UPON REACHING
CITY HALL FOR THE
MAYOR'S OFFICIAL
WELCOME...

TO PREVENT
ANY FURTHER
DANGER TO OUR
ROYAL GUEST, I'LL
GUARD HER DURING
HER VISIT!

NO--I'LL
GUARD
HER,
SUPERMAN!

WAIT! SHOULDN'T
I, CAPTAIN STEFAN,
HER HIGHNESS'
AIDE, BE THE ONE
TO GUARD HER?

NO, WE FEEL IT'S
OUR RESPONSIBILITY,
AND WE'LL
PROTECT HER!



BUT TWO JEALOUS FEMALES SEE THINGS
DIFFERENTLY...

BETTER GET YOUR PRINCESS
AWAY FROM **SUPERMAN**
OR SHE'LL FALL FOR HIM,
CAPTAIN!

THAT
GOES FOR
BATMAN,
TOO!

AND SOON, AS THE PRINCESS HOLDS A
PRESS CONFERENCE IN HER ROYAL
HOTEL SUITE...

ER... YOUR
HIGHNESS, I SUPPOSE
YOU HAVE A FIANCE
BACK HOME?

NO...
IN FACT,
I MAY
MARRY SOME-
ONE RIGHT
HERE IN
AMERICA!





WHEN, AT LAST, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER IS ABLE TO PRESENT HIS GIFT...



AT A NEARBY COALYARD, MOMENTS LATER...



AND AS THE GROUP TAKES OFF ON ITS TOUR...

BUT YOU MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE, LOIS!...

THERE GOES **BATMAN** WITH HER...

AND **SUPERMAN** IS FOLLOWING! THEY DIDN'T EVEN LOOK BACK AT US! VICKI, WE'VE GOT TO BREAK THIS UP SOMEHOW!

MY, THE RIVER AND THE CLIFFS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL!

BUT NOT AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU, PRINCESS!

OH, BROTHER... HOW CORNY CAN YOU GET?

SUDDENLY...

LOOK--ON THE CLIFF! **SUPERMAN'S** DRAWN A BIG HEART WITH HIS AND MY INITIALS IN IT! ISN'T HE SWEET?

BAH!... A TYPICAL HAMMY STUNT! I HOPE WE CAN GET RID OF HIM BY THE TIME YOU LEAVE FOR GOTHAM CITY TOMORROW!

NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE ROYAL PARTY DEPARTS FROM METROPOLIS...

YES, WE'RE GOING TO THE PRINCESS' PARTY TO COVER THE STORY!

I GUESS **SUPERMAN** KNOWS HE HAS NO CHANCE AND ISN'T COMING!

BUT **BATMAN** HAS ANOTHER GUESS COMING... FOR AS SOON AS THE TWO GIRLS ARE ABOARD...

IN GOTHAM CITY, SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE DYNAMIC DUO HEARS A GRIM WARNING...

BATMAN, WE'VE HAD HINTS THAT THIEVES HERE MAY TRY FOR THE PRINCESS' ROYAL JEWELS! FOR SAFETY, WE'VE GIVEN HER A MANSION OUTSIDE TOWN!

GOOD IDEA, COMMISSIONER... AND **SUPERMAN** AND I WILL BOTH BE WATCHING OVER HER!

I'M PERSONALLY TAKING VARINA'S TRAIN TO GOTHAM CITY-- THE FAST, SAFE WAY!

HE WOULD! WE'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW IN THE **BATMOBILE** AND **BAT-PLANE**!

OTHERS ARE ON HAND, TOO, WHEN THE PRINCESS SETTLES IN HER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE...

BUT WHEN THAT FATEFUL QUESTION IS ASKED...



WE **MUST** KNOW WHETHER IT'S **SUPERMAN** OR **BATMAN** SHE INTENDS TO MARRY! WE'LL ASK HER...

YES, I CAN'T STAND THIS SUSPENSE!



WHY, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN **EITHER** OF THEM... CAPTAIN STEFAN, MY OFFICER OF GUARDS, IS THE MAN I LOVE!

BUT--THEN... WHY DON'T YOU MARRY HIM?



THE BALKANIAN PARLIAMENT WON'T LET ME MARRY A COMMONER! I'D HAVE TO ABDICATE IF I DID--YET I'M WILLING TO GIVE UP THE THRONE IF I CAN ELOPE WITH STEFAN!

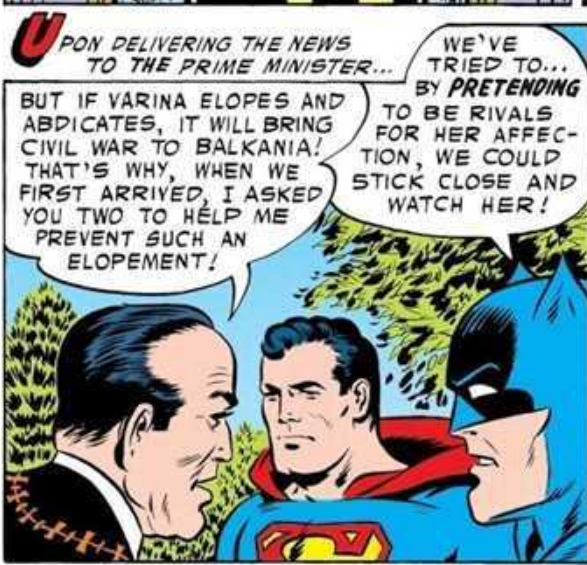
GOOD... AND WE'LL HELP YOU ELOPE! THAT'S ONE SURE WAY TO BRING **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** TO THEIR SENSES!



BUT WHERE SUPER-HEARING PICKS UP THIS ENTIRE CONVERSATION...

IT'S WONDERFUL OF YOU TO HELP ME ELOPE... BUT COUNT ZITU MUSTN'T KNOW, FOR HE'D SURELY STOP ME!

BATMAN! THOSE GIRLS ARE HELPING VARINA DO THE VERY THING WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO **PREVENT!** WE'D BETTER SEE COUNT ZITU AT ONCE!



UPON DELIVERING THE NEWS TO THE PRIME MINISTER...

BUT IF VARINA ELOPES AND ABDICATES, IT WILL BRING CIVIL WAR TO BALKANIA! THAT'S WHY, WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED, I ASKED YOU TWO TO HELP ME PREVENT SUCH AN ELOPEMENT!

WE'VE TRIED TO... BY **PRETENDING** TO BE RIVALS FOR HER AFFECTION, WE COULD STICK CLOSE AND WATCH HER!



SHE'S IMPULSIVE AND DOESN'T REALIZE THE DISASTER HER ABDICATION WOULD CAUSE IN BALKANIA!

THEN WE'LL KEEP ON TRYING TO PREVENT SUCH A DISASTER--BY MAKING OUR RIVAL "COURTSHIPS" KEENER THAN EVER!

AND SO THE TWO SUPER-RIVALS, WHOSE PRETENDED RIVALRY HAS HIDDEN A SERIOUS PURPOSE...

... MUST KEEP UP THEIR ACT...

PERHAPS ONE OF YOU BOYS WOULD DO A FAVOR FOR ME?

I'LL DO IT!

NO, I WILL! WHAT DO YOU WANT DONE?

I'D SO LOVE A HAT LIKE LOIS LANE'S... BUT IT'S ONLY SOLD IN ONE METROPOLIS SHOP!

I'LL GET ONE FOR YOU
SUPER-FAST!

NOT IF I CAN BEAT YOU IN THE **BAT-PLANE!**

AS SOON AS THE PAIR TAKES OFF...

LOOK AT THEM GO, THE BIG LUNKHEADS! ANYWAY, IT'LL GIVE **YOU** A CHANCE TO ELOPE WITH STEFAN!

I'LL TELL STEFAN, AND WE'LL START QUICKLY!

BUT OTHER EYES ALSO HAVE SEEN **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** DEPART...

COME ON... NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET AT THOSE ROYAL JEWELS!

I'LL GET THE OTHER BOYS HERE FAST FOR THE RAID!

HIGH ABOVE, HOWEVER, IT'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STORY...

THAT'S A LIFE-LIKE **SUPERMAN DUMMY** I'M TOWING BY A THIN WIRE... IT OUGHT TO FOOL ANYBODY!

WHILE BACK IN THE MANSION GROUNDS...

JUST AS WE FIGURED-- THERE COMES STEFAN! THEY'RE GOING TO ELOPE!

SEEMS A PITY TO INTERFERE WITH TWO LOVERS, BUT A COUNTRY'S PEACE DEPENDS ON IT! YOU CARRY OUT YOUR PLAN, AND I'LL FOLLOW THEM IN THE **BATMOBILE** FOR A SAFEGUARD!

AND AS THE ELOPING
COUPLE STARTS OUT...

DON'T WORRY...
WE'LL KEEP
YOUR PRIME
MINISTER TOO
BUSY TO FIND
OUT!

HURRY,
STEFAN.
BEFORE
COUNT ZITU
FINDS OUT!



...A BIG **ROLLER!**
NOW TO FIX UP THE
ROAD THEY'RE
TAKING!



BUT THE
**MAN
OF STEEL,**
SPEEDING
AHEAD,
WORKS
FAST...

I NEED SOME SUPER-
ROAD-MAKING EQUIP-
MENT FIRST, SO
I'LL SHAPE
THIS STONE
PINNACLE INTO...



I'LL ROLL A NEW ROAD WHERE ONE
IS NEEDED ANYWAY-- KEEPING AHEAD
OF THEM CONSTANTLY!



PRESENTLY...

WE TURN HERE...
THIS WIDE NEW
ROAD MUST BE
THE FASTEST
ROUTE!

HURRY,
STEFAN--
IT'S GETTING
DARK!



AND AS NIGHT FALLS...

IT SEEMS TO ME
WE'RE GOING THE
WRONG WAY-- YET
THE ROAD HAS NO
TURNOFFS!

IN ANOTHER
MOMENT, THEY'LL
GET THE SURPRISE
OF THEIR LIVES!





WHY--WHY,
THE ROAD
BROUGHT
US RIGHT
BACK HERE!

SUPERMAN, YOUR
BIG ROAD STUNT
WORKED SWELL--BUT
LOOK... THERE'S
ANOTHER CAR
COMING!



WHY, THAT'S PETE KANEY'S
MOB! THEY THINK WE'RE
GONE AND ARE TRYING
FOR THE JEWELS! BUT
WE'LL STOP THEM!

WAIT A MINUTE...
I'VE GOT AN IDEA
THAT MAY SOLVE
OUR WHOLE PROBLEM!



GRAB HER JEWELS!
KNOCK THAT TIN SOLDIER
OUT OF THE WAY!

GET BACK,
VARINA!



**AND AS THE
BRAVE
GUARDSMAN
MAKES A
DESPERATE
RESISTANCE...**



OF COURSE
HE CAN'T...
BECAUSE I
BORED HERE
UNDERGROUND AND
AM **HOLDING** HIS
FEET!



**AND AS THE GANG LEADER FURIOUSLY
CHARGES TO SUPPORT HIS MEN...**

YOU FOOLS!
I'LL SHOW
YOU HOW
TO HANDLE
THAT TWO-
BIT BODY-
GUARD!

I'LL SHOW
YOU SOME-
THING--WITH-
OUT SHOWING
MYSELF TO
ANYONE ELSE!

LOOK! STEFAN IS WHIPPING THEM, ALL ALONE!



AND AS SUPERMAN, DOUBLING BACK UNDERGROUND, REJOINS BATMAN...

WE'VE MADE HIM THE HERO OF THIS INCIDENT, AND I'M HOPING THAT MAY SOLVE OUR WHOLE PROBLEM!

NOW THAT... ER... STEFAN HAS WHIPPED THE CROOKS, WE CAN APPEAR AND HOLD THEM FOR POLICE!



SURE ENOUGH, WITH THE CRIMINALS SAFELY IN TOW...

I FILMED IT ALL-- STEFAN CONQUERING ALL THOSE MOBSTERS!

YOU ARE A HERO, STEFAN! OUR COUNTRY WILL BE GRATEFUL!



WE COULDN'T FIND A HAT FOR YOU-- BUT... WHY, WHAT'S HAPPENED?

FOR ONCE, **SOMEONE ELSE** HAS BEEN THE HERO, AND YOU TWO LOVER-BOYS WEREN'T EVEN IN ON IT!



LATER...

WONDERFUL!

ALL BALKANIA THANKS STEFAN FOR SAVING OUR PRINCESS--AND THE PARLIAMENT AGREES TO LET YOU MARRY HIM AFTER ALL!



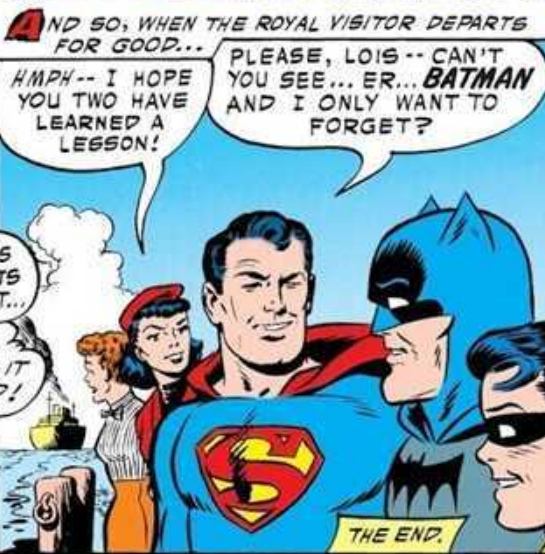
I GUESS THAT LETS US OUT...

AS I HOPED IT WOULD!

AND SO, WHEN THE ROYAL VISITOR DEPARTS FOR GOOD...

HMPH-- I HOPE YOU TWO HAVE LEARNED A LESSON!

PLEASE, LOIS-- CAN'T YOU SEE... ER... **BATMAN** AND I ONLY WANT TO FORGET?



THE END.



ALL NEW STORIES

FEB. NO. 86



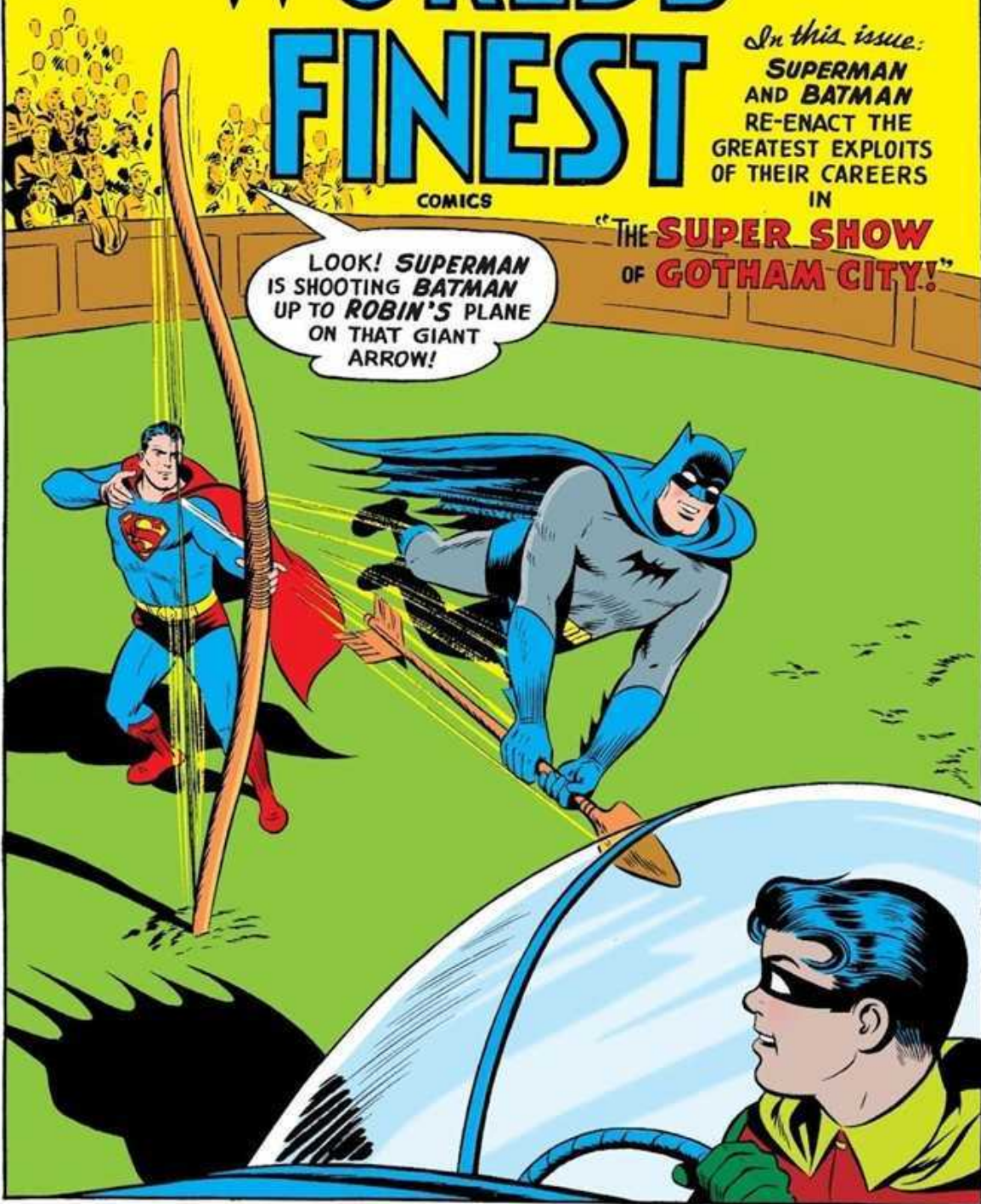
WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

In this issue:
**SUPERMAN
AND BATMAN
RE-ENACT THE
GREATEST EXPLOITS
OF THEIR CAREERS**
IN

**"THE SUPER SHOW
OF GOTHAM CITY!"**

LOOK! **SUPERMAN**
IS SHOOTING **BATMAN**
UP TO **ROBIN'S** PLANE
ON THAT GIANT
ARROW!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

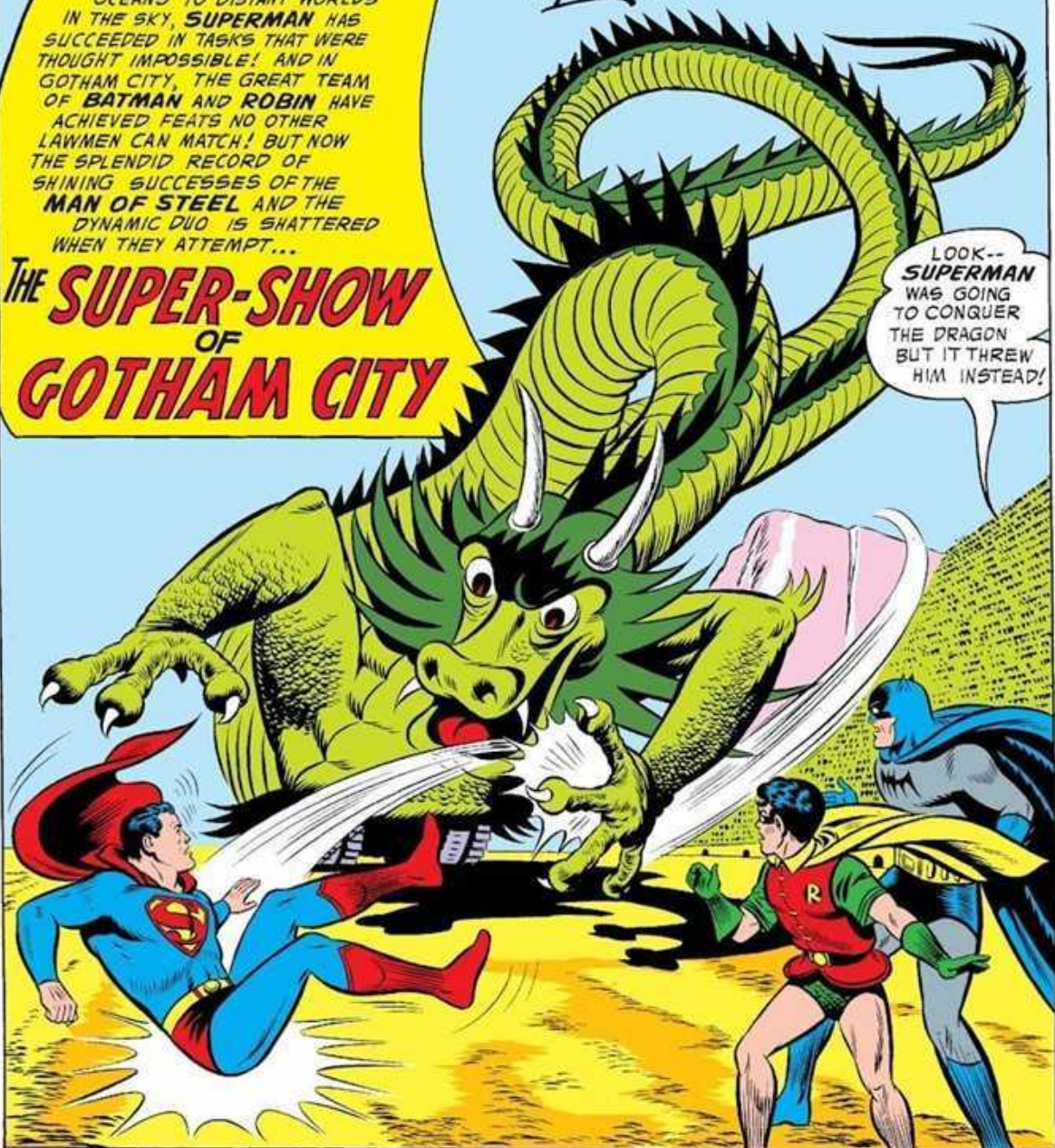
SUPERMAN and **BATMAN** and **ROBIN**

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEANS TO DISTANT WORLDS IN THE SKY, **SUPERMAN** HAS SUCCEEDED IN TASKS THAT WERE THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE! AND IN GOTHAM CITY, THE GREAT TEAM OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE ACHIEVED FEATS NO OTHER LAWYEN CAN MATCH! BUT NOW THE SPLENDID RECORD OF SHINING SUCCESSES OF THE **MAN OF STEEL** AND THE DYNAMIC DUO IS SHATTERED WHEN THEY ATTEMPT...

THE SUPER-SHOW OF GOTHAM CITY

LOOK--
SUPERMAN
WAS GOING
TO CONQUER
THE DRAGON
BUT IT THREW
HIM INSTEAD!



OVER GOTHAM CITY FLARES A SIGNAL THAT, TO SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON, IS A SUMMONS...

HEY, SOMETHING MUST HAVE BROKEN, BRUCE! THE **BAT-SIGNAL!**

WE'LL CHANGE FAST AND SEE WHAT'S UP!

MINUTES LATER, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE DYNAMIC DUO REPORT TO POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON!

-- SO YOU SEE, **BATMAN**, THE GOTHAM POLICE SHOW WOULD RAISE FAR MORE MONEY FOR THE POLICE WELFARE FUND, IF YOU AND **ROBIN** APPEARED IN IT!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US! WE'LL SHOW SOME OF OUR TROPHIES AND RE-ENACT SOME PAST CASES!

AND IN THE GREAT TROPHY HALL OF THEIR SECRET **BATCAVE**...

WE'LL PICK UP THE TROPHIES AND CASES THAT'LL INTEREST THE PUBLIC MOST! LET'S SEE--

BATMAN! LISTEN! THERE'S SOMEONE IN THE **BATCAVE** WITH US-- SOMEONE WE CAN'T SEE--

BUT NEXT MOMENT...

WHY, IT'S **SUPERMAN!** GOSH, YOUR COMING IN AT SUPER-SPEED SURPRISED ME!

SORRY--I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE ME COMING IN! I HEARD OF THE POLICE SHOW YOU'RE HELPING, AND WONDERED IF I COULD HELP!

SAY, THAT WOULD BE TERRIFIC! IF **YOU** RE-ENACT SOME OF YOUR PAST FEATS, TOO, EVERYONE WOULD WANT TO SEE THE SHOW!

FINE! AS CLARK KENT, I'LL WANGLE A FEW DAYS LEAVE FROM THE **PLANET** SO I CAN GET ON THIS!

AT THE **DAILY PLANET** IN METROPOLIS, REPORTER **LOIS LANE** IS EXCITED!

YOU CAN GO SEE YOUR TWO HEROES PERFORM IF YOU LIKE-- I'M NOT GOING!

NOT IN THIS IDENTITY, ANYWAY!

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS! **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN**, BOTH RE-ENACTING THEIR GREATEST FEATS-- WHAT A THRILL IT'LL BE!

IT'LL BE MORE THAN A THRILL, **LOIS**-- IT WILL BE A SHATTERING **SURPRISE!**

DAILY PLANET (64)
BATMAN, SUPERMAN TO STAR IN POLICE SHOW

NEXT DAY, NEAR GOTHAM CITY...

AH, HERE COME
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN**
NOW!

BUT, COMMISSIONER, HOW
CAN YOU HOLD YOUR BIG
POLICE SHOW **HERE**?
THERE ARE NO SEATS
FOR THE CROWD-- A
STADIUM WOULD
BE BETTER!

NO STADIUM
WOULD BE BIG
ENOUGH FOR
THIS SHOW,
MISS LANE!

SO **SUPERMAN**
OFFERED TO
CONSTRUCT A
SPECIAL AMPHI-
THEATER FOR
IT! THERE HE
COMES NOW!

THE MIGHTY MAN OF STEEL BUILDS THE
FAST WAY...

WHY--
SUPERMAN
IS CHISELING
THAT CLIFF
INTO AN
AMPHITHEATER
THAT'LL HOLD
HUNDREDS
OF
THOUSANDS!

RIGHT! THIS
SHOULD REALLY PUT
THE WELFARE FUND
OVER THE TOP!

WE'LL SET UP OUR CAMERAS
IN THE CENTER OF THE
LOWEST TIER, TO
CATCH EVERY-
THING IN
OUR VIEW!

I'D BETTER
TUNNEL OUT
SOME CORRIDORS
TO MAKE ACCESS
TO ALL SEATS
EASY--THEN IT'LL
ALL BE READY!

AND MR. HENRY BARTLE
HAS GIVEN THE FUND
\$10,000 FOR THE
RIGHT TO FILM
THE POLICE
SHOW!

YES, THEN PEOPLE WHO
COULDN'T GET HERE IN
PERSON CAN STILL SEE
THE SHOW!

AND THAT AFTERNOON...

LOOK, THE CRACK
POLICE MOTORCYCLE
CORPS IS DOING
FANCY RIDING!

THEY'RE TERRIFIC--
BUT I CAN'T WAIT FOR
SUPERMAN AND **BATMAN**
TO COME ON! THEY'LL GIVE
A SHOW WE'LL NEVER
FORGET!

AND WHEN POLICE EXPERTS HAVE SHOWN ALL THEIR SKILLS...

FOLKS, **BATMAN** AND I INVITE YOU FIRST TO LOOK OVER OUR SOUVENIRS OF PAST CASES!

AN ENTRANCED THROG STREAMS THROUGH EXHIBITS NEVER BEFORE SEEN IN PUBLIC...

THERE HE IS-- **SUPERMAN**! HE'S BRINGING **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, AND ALL THE TROPHIES THEY WON TOGETHER!

YES, THIS IS THE **BAT-GLIDER** WE USED IN THE REYNOLDS CASE-- IT COULDN'T CARRY **BATMAN'S** WEIGHT, BUT IT CARRIED MINE!

YES, THAT GIANT SEA-SHELL CAME FROM THE DEEPEST PART OF THE OCEAN-- AND THAT METEOR IS ONE THAT ALMOST HIT METROPOLIS!

IT DIDN'T, BECAUSE HE **CAUGHT** IT-- IN TIME!

SUPERMAN, WOULD YOU SQUEEZE THESE BITS OF IRON INTO AN IRON BASEBALL FOR ME? A SOUVENIR FOR ME? WOULD YA?

BATMAN AND SUPERMAN-- IF THEY ONLY DREAMED WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH MY FILMS OF THEIR SHOW HERE! BUT THEY'LL FIND OUT TOO LATE!

GEE, **BATMAN**, IS THIS REALLY THE WEAPON USED BY THE **BOOMERANG BANDITS**? IT IS-- AND IT CERTAINLY BOOMERANGED ON THEM!

MEANWHILE, A MYSTERIOUS MR. BARTLE TAKES IN THE ENTIRE SCENE...

A LITTLE SUPER-PRESSURE DOES IT-- BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO LET THIS SOUVENIR COOL OFF BEFORE YOU TOUCH IT!

BUT, FINALLY, AFTER FASCINATED CROWDS HAVE INSPECTED THE GREAT TROPHIES, THE SUPER-SHOW BEGINS...

PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THE SHOW WILL BEGIN WITH **BATMAN AND ROBIN** RE-ENACTING THE EXPLOIT BEHIND ONE OF THEIR TROPHIES!

THIS IS ONE OF OUR STRANGEST TROPHIES--THE **BURGLAR-MACHINE** ONCE USED BY INGENUOUS THIEVES! WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW WE STOPPED IT, IF **SUPERMAN** WILL SET THE SCENE!

I GOT PERMISSION TO BORROW THE TWO GOTHAM CITY BUILDINGS YOU ASKED FOR!

SPLendid-- JUST SET THEM DOWN HERE AND WE'LL HAVE ONE OF OUR ASSISTANTS SHOW HOW THE **BURGLAR-MACHINE** WORKED!

IT WAS NECESSARY TO GET ONTO THAT **MACHINE** AND STOP IT BEFORE IT LOOTED A DENTAL-GOLD STOREROOM, SO I SWUNG ACROSS TO IT--

AN ASTOUNDED LOIS LANE AND A SURPRISED AUDIENCE SEE...

BATMAN OVER-ESTIMATED THE FLAG-POLE'S STRENGTH, THIS TIME!

--BY LOOPING MY ROPE OVER THE FLAGPOLE AND--OOPS! THE FLAGPOLE BENT-- I'LL MISS THE **MACHINE**--

HANG ON, **BATMAN**-- I'M SWINGING ACROSS AND I'LL PULL YOU UP!

MOMENTS
LATER...

THAT'S HOW
WE REACHED THE
**BURGLAR-
MACHINE**
AND STOPPED IT
BY BREAKING ITS
WIRING-- EXCEPT
THAT-- ER-- I
DIDN'T MISS MY
LEAP THE
OTHER
TIME!

AND AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** BRINGS OUT
ONE OF HIS TROPHIES...

FOLKS, THIS IS
THE ROCKET-LAUNCHER USED BY THE GANG KNOWN
AS THE **ROCKET RACKETEERS**, TO CRACK OPEN
BANKS WITH BIG ROCKET-MISSILES! MY FRIEND
BATMAN WILL FIRE IT, AND I'LL SHOW HOW I
PREVENTED THE GANG FROM
CRACKING THE FIRST
METROPOLIS BANK--

SORRY, FOLKS-- I'LL
HAVE TO CATCH THAT
ROCKET BEFORE IT
HITS SOMEWHERE
BUT I'LL BE BACK!

HIS MUFFING
THE CATCH ALSO
SPOILS THIS
SCENE,
MR. BARTLE!

DON'T WORRY--
THERE WILL BE
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

WHY, **SUPERMAN**
FAILED. JUST AS
BATMAN DID!
SOMETHING--OR
SOMEBODY--
MUST BE SABOTAGING
EACH GREAT FEAT
THEY ATTEMPT
TO RE-ENACT!

IT ISN'T LIKE
BATMAN TO MAKE
A MISTAKE LIKE THAT--
I CAN'T UNDER-
STAND IT!

NO, BUT I SUPPOSE EVEN
BATMAN CAN FAIL SOMETIMES--
ANYWAY, **SUPERMAN** NEVER
DOES, AND HE'S GOING TO
RE-ENACT ONE OF
HIS BIG STUNTS
NEXT!

...BY **CATCHING** THE
ROCKET AND HOLDING IT!
BUT-- **BATMAN** MUST
HAVE AIMED WRONG--
I MUFFED THE
CATCH THIS
TIME!



GOSH, **SUPERMAN** OVERTOOK THAT ROCKET IN A SECOND! TOO BAD HE MUFFED IT IN THE FIRST PLACE!

I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO'S QUEERING **BATMAN'S** AND **SUPERMAN'S** STUNTS!

BUT QUICKLY, THE **MAN OF STEEL** BRINGS OUT ANOTHER GREAT TROPHY...

WHEN THE AMUSEMENT PARK THAT OWNED THIS MERRY-GO-ROUND REFUSED TO PAY EXTORTION, THEY WERE WARNED A BOMB WAS PLANTED ON IT-- HERE'S HOW **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** AND I DEALT WITH IT!

WE'LL SEARCH FOR THE PLANTED BOMB-- BUT IF WE'RE NOT IN TIME--

I'LL TAKE THE WHOLE THING UP OUT OF THE CROWDS TO AVOID ANY RISK TO THEM! WITH MY X-RAY VISION I'LL BE ABLE TO SPOT THE BOMB AND THEN YOU CAN DIG IT OUT!

BATMAN AND **ROBIN** DUG THE BOMB OUT OF ITS HIDING PLACE ON THAT SPINNING MERRY-GO-ROUND AND--

SUPERMAN, SOMETHING'S MAKING IT SPIN TOO FAST! WE CAN'T KEEP OUR BALANCE!

THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S POLICE SHOW PERFORMANCE-- **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** WILL BE HERE AGAIN TOMORROW!

SUPERMAN-- BATMAN-- SOMEONE IS PURPOSELY WRECKING YOUR RE-ENACTED FEATS! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHO IT IS!

OH-- OH-- SOMETHING MADE ITS MOTOR SPEED UP THIS TIME! ANYWAY, FOLKS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** SUCCESSFULLY DE-FUSED THE BOMB, AND THE GRATEFUL PARK-OWNER GAVE US THE MERRY-GO-ROUND AS A TROPHY!

BUT, LOIS, ALL THOSE ACCIDENTS ARE PROBABLY CO-INCIDENCES-- FOR WHO WOULD WANT TO QUEER OUR SHOW?

THREE MISTAKES ARE TOO MANY-- I DON'T KNOW WHO'S SABOTAGING YOU OR WHY, BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!

AND AS THE VAST AUDIENCE LEAVES THE ARENA...

MR. BARTLE, COULD I SEE THE FILMS YOU TOOK OF THE CROWD LOOKING AT THE TROPHIES? THEY MIGHT SHOW IF ANYONE SABOTAGED THOSE TROPHIES!

I'M SORRY, MISS LANE, WE DIDN'T FILM THAT-- WE ONLY FILMED THE SCENES SHOWING **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** IN ACTION!

BUT A DETERMINED LOIS NEVER GIVES UP!
AND AS NIGHT FALLS...

BUT SUDDENLY...

WHOEVER HE IS-- HE SAW ME-- AND HAS LOCKED ME IN...

SLAM!

I KNOW SOMEONE TAMPERED WITH THE TROPHIES TO MAKE **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** FAIL-- AND I HEAR SOMEONE COMING NOW! IT MUST BE THE SABOTEUR-- I'LL HIDE IN HERE--

MAYBE--MAYBE HE'LL GET RID OF ME BY FIRING THIS ROCKET OFF! I'VE GOT TO MAKE SOMEONE HEAR!

AND SOMEONE DOES HEAR, FOR MOMENTS LATER...

LOIS! WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THERE?

I WAS **LOCKED** IN, BY WHOEVER'S MAKING YOU FAIL YOUR STUNTS! I KNOW HE'S SABOTAGED MORE OF YOUR TROPHIES!

CLANG!

NOW, LOIS, YOUR REPORTER-MIND IS RUNNING AWAY WITH YOU! JUST BECAUSE WE FLUBBED A FEW TIMES DOESN'T MEAN ANYONE'S TRYING TO SPOIL OUR STUNTS!

THE **WIND** COULD HAVE BLOWN THE ROCKET-DOOR SHUT!

YOU OBSTINATE--
MEN! I KNOW THERE'S SOME PLOT BEHIND THIS AND YOU'LL FIND OUT WHAT IT IS TOO LATE!

AND AT THE NEXT DAY'S POLICE SHOW, AS **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** RE-ENACT PAST FEATS...

HMM... WONDER WHY **LOIS LANE** ISN'T HERE TODAY?

BATMAN AND **ROBIN** WILL NOW RE-ENACT THEIR PURSUIT OF MOBSTERS TO THE **UNDERSEA HIDEOUT**, WITH ACTORS PLAYING THE ROLES OF THE **CROOKS**--



-- BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE **BATPLANE**, WITH ITS WINGS FOLDED, COULD BECOME A SUBMARINE! YOU'LL SEE IT COME UP AGAIN, WITH THE "FUGITIVES"!



JUST AN ACCIDENT--A CABIN-PORT WAS LEFT OPEN SOMEHOW, SO WATER RUSHED INTO THE **BATPLANE**!

HMPH--ANOTHER BIG SCENE RUINED BY THEIR GOOFING IT!

FOLKS, YOU'LL REMEMBER THE **DRAGON OF METROPOLIS**--A CROOK'S REMOTE-CONTROLLED TANK WITH FLAME-THROWERS. IT WAS DISGUISED AS A DRAGON TO INSPIRE PANIC AND SCARE PEOPLE OUT OF BANKS AND STORES!



BUT AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** GRAPPLES WITH THE DISGUISED MECHANISM...



IT'S BEING WORKED NOW BY REMOTE-CONTROL AND I'LL RE-ENACT MY STRUGGLE WITH IT!



CAN'T SEEM TO GET IT DOWN THIS TIME--

SUDDENLY, AN AMAZING SURPRISE...

HEY, IT THREW **SUPERMAN** OFF!



I'VE GOT TO GRAB IT QUICK--



TURN OFF THE REMOTE-CONTROL! ER-- SORRY, FOLKS, I DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE MY USUAL STRENGTH THAT TIME-- BUT I CAN'T SEE ANY KRYPTONITE IN THE THING! ANYWAY, **BATMAN** AND I WILL NOW RE-ENACT THE STORY BEHIND ANOTHER ONE OF OUR EXPLOITS!

AND AS **SUPERMAN** FETCHES THE NEXT TROPHY...



AND MOMENTS LATER, FROM LOIS LANE'S HIDDEN WATCHING PLACE...



SUPERMAN MUST HAVE SOME GOOD REASON-- I CAN'T EXPOSE HIM, AND YET--



BUT AS THE COLOSSAL BOW TWANGS...



BUT, IN THE SKY...



BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON ALREADY HAS HIS HANDS FULL!

YOUR TWO BIG STARS HAVE SPOILED THE END OF EVERY RE-ENACTED FEAT! MY FILM OF YOUR POLICE SHOW IS WORTHLESS-- I WANT MY \$10,000 BACK!

BUT OUR WELFARE FUND NEEDS THAT MONEY!

COMMISSIONER, I--

IT'S ONLY FAIR TO GIVE MR. BARTLE HIS MONEY BACK FOR HIS FILM-RIGHTS CONTRACT-- WE HAVE FAILED!

WE'LL TRY AND MAKE IT UP, SOME OTHER WAY-- ALL RIGHT, IF YOU SAY SO--



"YOU DIDN'T SEE ME, BUT MY SUPER-HEARING HEARD YOU!"

AND HERE'S YOUR FILM-RIGHTS CONTRACT-- AND GOOD RIDDANCE! WHO WOULD WATCH A FILM ABOUT TWO SUPER-FAILURES LIKE THESE!



THEN, BEFORE LOIS CAN SPEAK... THAT'S WHY WE FAILED, BARTLE-- BECAUSE I HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR YOUR LITTLE SWINDLING SCHEME WHEN I WAS INSIDE THE CORRIDOR-TUNNELS I DRILLED--



WE'LL GET GOOD FILMS OF EVERY RE-ENACTED SUPERMAN AND BATMAN EXPLOIT AND PUT THEM OUT AS A FEATURE PICTURE CALLED "THE FEATS OF SUPERMAN AND BATMAN!"

EVERYONE WILL THINK IT'S A PICTURE OF THEIR REAL EXPLOITS, AND WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE!



TO MAKE SURE YOU COULDN'T DO THAT, WE PURPOSELY GOOFED THE END OF EACH SCENE!

AND NOW WE'VE GOT THAT CONTRACT BACK, WE'LL RE-ENACT OUR FEATS WITHOUT ERRORS--AND THE FILM WILL MAKE A FORTUNE FOR THE WELFARE FUND, NOT YOU!



AND AS THREE FLASHING FIGURES SHOW THEIR REAL SUPERB SKILL...



FIRST, A LITTLE SUPER-JUGGLING AMONG FRIENDS--

AND TO THINK I ALMOST ACCUSED SUPERMAN! THANK GOODNESS HE'LL NEVER KNOW!





ALL NEW STORIES

APR. NO. 87



WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

BATMAN
and ROBIN
SWAP POWERS WITH
SUPERMAN

*"The REVERSED
HEROES!"*

DON'T WORRY,
SUPERMAN--
I'LL SHIELD YOU
FROM THE
LIGHTNING!

AND I'LL
SAVE YOU
FROM THIS
LION!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
NO. 1 & 2

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

I F YOU WERE
SUPERMAN,

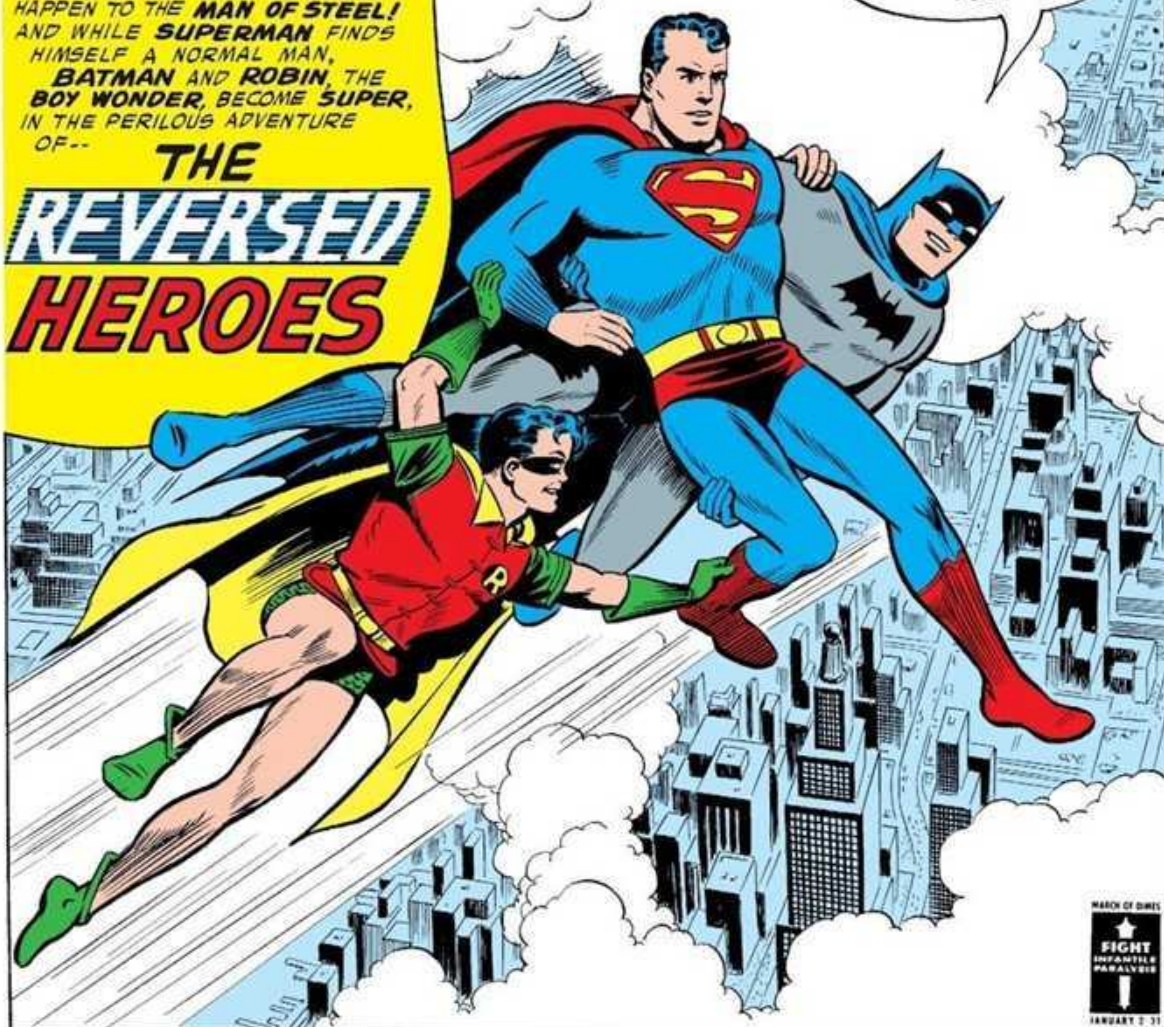
IF YOU HAD HIS MIGHTY
STRENGTH, HIS SUPER-SPEED,
HIS X-RAY VISION AND INVULNER-
ABILITY--HOW WOULD YOU FEEL
IF YOU LOST THOSE POWERS?

ONE DAY, A FATEFUL CHAIN
OF CIRCUMSTANCES MAKES THAT
HAPPEN TO THE **MAN OF STEEL!**
AND WHILE **SUPERMAN** FINDS
HIMSELF A NORMAL MAN,
BATMAN AND **ROBIN,** THE
BOY WONDER, BECOME **SUPER,**
IN THE PERILOUS ADVENTURE
OF--

THE

REVERSED
HEROES

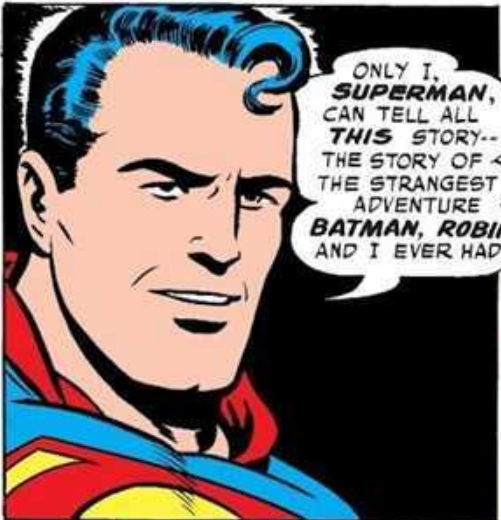
DON'T BE AFRAID,
SUPERMAN! EVEN
THOUGH **YOU** CAN'T
FLY NOW, **ROBIN**
AND I WILL CARRY
YOU!



MARCH OF DIME

FIGHT
INFANTILE
PARALYSIS
1

JANUARY 7 '37



ONLY I, **SUPERMAN**, CAN TELL ALL **THIS** STORY-- THE STORY OF THE STRANGEST ADVENTURE **BATMAN, ROBIN** AND I EVER HAD!



"IT BEGAN IN THE **DAILY PLANET** OFFICE WHERE, IN MY EVERYDAY IDENTITY AS REPORTER **CLARK KENT**..."

PERRY, LOOK--THIS BULLETIN SAYS A **THIEF** WITH **SUPER-POWERS** IS LOOTING THE **CENTERVILLE SUBURB**!

SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE-- BUT YOU'D BETTER GO OUT AND SEE, **LOIS**! AND **CLARK**, YOU TRY TO FIND AND WARN **SUPERMAN**, JUST IN CASE!



"BUT WHEN I ZOOMED TO THAT SUBURB, I GOT THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE!"

"FINDING HIM WAS EASY, FOR ME! BUT AS I SECRETLY **BECAME SUPERMAN**, I WONDERED..."



SOME CROOK MUST BE FAKING **SUPER-POWERS**-- THAT'S HAPPENED BEFORE! I'D BETTER EXPOSE THE TRICK FAST, TO PREVENT PANIC!



THAT **SUPER-THIEF** RIPPED THE **SAFE** RIGHT OUT OF ITS **CEMENT BASE** AND IS **FLYING AWAY** WITH IT!

IT'S NO FAKE-- I CAN SEE THAT **SAFE** IS REAL! ANOTHER **SUPERMAN**-- AND HE'S A **THIEF**! BUT--THE **BROKEN BANK ROOF** IS GOING TO **COLLAPSE**--

"I HAD TO HOLD UP THAT SAGGING ROOF UNTIL THOSE INSIDE THE **BANK** GOT OUT!"



A **THIEF** WITH **SUPER-POWERS**-- IT'S INCREDIBLE, BUT TRUE! AS SOON AS THESE PEOPLE GET OUT SAFELY, I'VE GOT TO RUN HIM DOWN!

"MINUTES LATER, MY TELESCOPIC VISION ENABLED ME TO FOLLOW THE **SUPER-THIEF'S** TRAIL!"



PARTICLES OF **CEMENT** DROPPING FROM THE **BASE** OF THAT **SAFE** LEFT A **TRAIL**-- AND BY **X-RAY VISION** I CAN SEE THE **THIEF'S** **HIDEOUT** IN THAT **OLD HOUSE**! NOW TO **GRAB HIM**!

"BUT I WAS DUE FOR A TERRIFIC SURPRISE, FOR--"

"--AND WHEN I CRASHED IN ON THE SUPER-THIEF--"

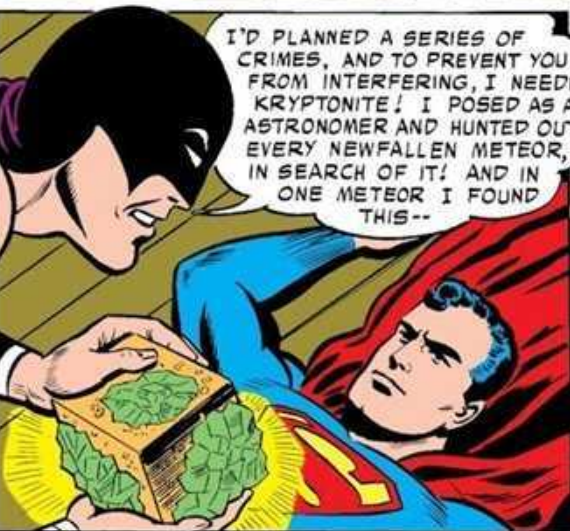
YOU CAN TELL ME HOW **YOU** ACQUIRED SUPER-POWERS-- AFTER I'VE TAKEN YOU TO THE POLICE!

DON'T BE IN A RUSH, **SUPERMAN**-- YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE NOW!

"A FREEZING PARALYSIS SEIZED ME--AND I FELL!"

KRYPTONITE--THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN HARM ME! THAT LITTLE BOX ON THE TABLE IS PARTLY COVERED WITH IT AND IT'S PARALYZED ME!

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF, I'M ELTON CRAIG, THE **NEW SUPERMAN**! AND THAT BOX ON THE TABLE IS WHAT GAVE ME MY POWERS!



I'D PLANNED A SERIES OF CRIMES, AND TO PREVENT YOU FROM INTERFERING, I NEEDED KRYPTONITE! I POSED AS AN ASTRONOMER AND HUNTED OUT EVERY NEWFALLEN METEOR, IN SEARCH OF IT! AND IN ONE METEOR I FOUND THIS--



KRYPTONITE DOESN'T BOTHER ME, OR ANY ORDINARY EARTH PERSON! BUT THE CAPSULES **INSIDE** THIS BOX GAVE ME SUPER-POWERS, WHEN I TOOK ONE!

JOR-EL! THOSE CAPSULES WERE PREPARED BY MY FATHER! NOW--I VAGUELY REMEMBER--

"IN THIS TERRIBLE MOMENT, MY SUPER-MEMORY REACHED BACK TO MY OWN INFANCY ON THE FAR PLANET KRYPTON..."

KRYPTON IS DOOMED--BUT WHEN WE MIGRATE TO EARTH, WE'LL HAVE SUPER-POWERS THERE, BECAUSE OF THE LESSER GRAVITY, AND SHOULD ANYTHING ON EARTH MAKE OUR POWERS FADE AWAY, THESE CAPSULES WILL **RENEW** OUR SUPER-POWERS TEMPORARILY!

BUT JOR-EL-- LISTEN! THAT TERRIBLE RUMBLE AND QUAKE!



"THE ATOMIC CHAIN REACTION MY FATHER JOR-EL HAD WARNED OF HAD BEGUN-- AND THE END OF KRYPTON WAS AT HAND!"

KRYPTON IS ABOUT TO PERISH-- **WE** CAN'T ESCAPE NOW, BUT OUR SON CAN SURVIVE, ON EARTH!

QUICK, LAUNCH THE ROCKET! GOODBYE, MY SON--



"IN THEIR HASTE, THEY FORGOT THE VITAL CAPSULES--AND AS MY ROCKET SPED OUT TOWARD EARTH, KRYPTON EXPLODED!"



"**S**TARING WITH CONCENTRATED X-RAY VISION, I BURNED A HOLE IN THE OVERHEAD PIPE AND--"



THE LEAKING WATER WASHED AWAY THE COATING OF KRYPTONITE, BUT I STILL FEEL GROGGY! MY FATHER'S CAPSULES--ONE WOULD RESTORE MY POWERS SO I CAN FOLLOW THAT THIEF--

"BUT WHEN I LEAPED TO FLY OUT THE WINDOW, I GOT A TERRIBLE SHOCK!"



WHY, I CAN'T FLY ANY MORE! AND THAT QUEER, UNPLEASANT SENSATION I FELT WHEN I HIT THE FLOOR-- THAT MUST BE WHAT THEY CALL PAIN!



"AND NOW MY FATHER'S POTENT CAPSULES, THEIR CASE ENCRUSTED WITH THE DEADLY KRYPTONITE FORMED BY THE EXPLOSION, HAD FINALLY FALLEN ON EARTH!"

YES, A CAPSULE FROM THAT BOX MADE **ME** SUPER, AND THE KRYPTONITE COATED ON IT WILL HOLD **YOU** HELPLESS WHILE I GATHER MORE LOOT!



I'VE GOT TO BREAK THIS SPELL--GET RID OF THE KRYPTONITE! HMM, THAT WATER-PIPE ABOVE THE CEILING--

"I SWALLOWED ONE OF THE CAPSULES SWIFTLY..."

THIS SUPER-THIEF CRAIG IS A TERRIFIC MENACE! I'VE GOT TO ZOOM AFTER HIM FAST, AND I'LL KEEP THESE CAPSULES WITH ME!



"THEN, APPALLED, I REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED!"

THERE ARE GRAINS OF KRYPTONITE DUST IN THESE CAPSULES--FORCED INTO THE BOX BY THE EXPLOSION! I'VE **SWALLOWED** KRYPTONITE--AND UNTIL IT WEARS OFF I'LL HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS! HOW CAN I FACE THAT SUPER-POWERED CROOK?



"FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I WAS ONLY A NORMAL MAN! THEN I REMEMBERED MY TWO LOYAL FRIENDS..."

BATMAN AND ROBIN!
IF I GAVE **THEM** SUPER-
POWERS, THEY COULD
MATCH THE POWERS
OF THAT THIEF!

"WITHOUT THINKING, I
TURNED TO ACT, BUT..."

I'LL ZOOM UP
AND CALL THEM BY
SUPER-LOUD VOICE--
BUT NO, I **CAN'T**.
NOW! I'LL HAVE TO
USE THE TELEPHONE!

"I LEARNED LATER HOW MUCH MY CALL ASTONISHED
BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON--
SECRETLY **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**"

YES, THIS IS CLARK KENT
AND I NEED **BATMAN'S**
HELP! HERE'S THE
LOCATION --

WHY, ER--SURE,
CLARK! I'LL SEE
THAT **BATMAN**
COMES AT ONCE!

"AS THEY CHANGED COSTUMES IN THEIR SECRET
BAT-CAVE, THE DYNAMIC DUO WERE PUZZLED!"

CLARK SOUNDED REALLY
DISTRESSED. I WONDER IF
HE NEEDS HELP?

HOW CAN HE NEED
HELP? HE'S **SUPERMAN!**
WELL, WE'LL SOON FIND
OUT!

"AS I TENSELY WAITED FOR **BATMAN AND ROBIN**,
EVERYTHING SEEMED UNREAL TO ME!"

SO THIS IS WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO HAVE
ONLY NORMAL STRENGTH--
WHY, EVEN THIS TABLE
IS HEAVY AND HARD
TO LIFT, NOW!

MY INVULNERABILITY--GONE!
EVEN THIS PIN CAN SCRATCH
ME NOW--OUCH! AND
HURT ME!

"I WAS HAVING TO LEARN TO LIVE, ALL OVER AGAIN!"

I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SEE OR HEAR **BATMAN** COMING BY NOW-- BUT NO, MY X-RAY VISION, LIKE MY SUPER-HEARING, IS GONE, TOO! I FEEL HALF-BLIND, HALF-DEAF--



"AT FIRST, WHEN THEY ARRIVED, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAD HAPPENED!"

IT'S TRUE-- I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS, BUT CRAIG HAS! AND YOU TWO MUST HAVE THEM, OR CRAIG WILL LOOT ALL METROPOLIS!

WELL, IF IT'S THE ONLY WAY, **ROBIN** AND I WILL TAKE YOUR FATHER'S CAPSULES!



MOMENTS LATER...

"THEY TOOK THE CAPSULES, AND PRESENTLY, I SAW ITS STRANGE EFFECTS BEGINNING TO TAKE HOLD OVER THEM..."

THE KRYPTONITE IN THE CAPSULES WON'T AFFECT YOU, BUT THE CHEMICALS THEMSELVES SHOULD BE ACTING BY NOW!

WHY, THEY ARE-- I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL! I CAN HEAR VOICES MILES AWAY!

I'M STRONG-- **SUPER-STRONG!** I CAN LIFT THIS SAFE!

LOOK OUT, IT'S TOO HEAVY FOR YOU-- WHY, I'M **FLYING!**



"I HAD TO REMIND MY EXCITED FRIENDS OF THE MENACE FACING US!"

YOU CAN EXPERIMENT WITH YOUR POWERS LATER-- RIGHT NOW WE MUST FIND CRAIG, FAST!

WE'LL TAKE YOU WITH US, **SUPERMAN**! AND I'LL GUARD THOSE CAPSULES MYSELF!

"AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LAUNCHED SKY-WARD, CARRYING ME-- A **SUPERMAN** NO LONGER-- BETWEEN THEM!"



I KNEW THE THRILL OF IT, BEFORE I LOST MY POWERS, BETTER THAN ANYONE--

IT'S TERRIFIC-- STREAKING ACROSS THE SKY LIKE A ROCKET! NOBODY KNOWS WHAT A THRILL THIS IS!

"AS WE SEARCHED FOR THE SUPER-THIEF, BATMAN'S SUPER-HEARING SOON DETECTED..."

I CAN HEAR SHOUTS--
AND CRASHING
SOUNDS FROM
MIDTOWN!

I CAN'T HEAR SO
FAR, BUT IT COULD
BE CRAIG AT WORK!

WE'LL TAKE ON THIS SUPER-
CROOK--YOU STAY HERE,
SUPERMAN, WHERE
YOU'LL BE SAFE!

**BATMAN--
ROBIN--**
WAIT! NOT
THAT WAY--

"THE SUPERMAN OF THE UNDERWORLD WAS AT WORK
INDEED..."

HE'S GOT
UNLIMITED
STRENGTH--AND
OUR BULLETS
DON'T EVEN
PENT HIM!

HE GRABBED
A FORTUNE IN
JEWELS OUT OF
THAT BUILDING!

BANG!

"MY WARNING WASN'T QUICK ENOUGH! UNUSED TO
SUPER-POWERS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** CHARGED
AT FULL SPEED AND--"

SO YOU AND **ROBIN**
HAVE SUPER-POWERS,
TOO? A LITTLE SUPER-
FAST **DODGING**
WILL TAKE CARE
OF YOU!

WHAM!

WE'VE HIT THE
MONUMENT--IT'S
GOING TO TOPPLE
OVER--!

GRAB IT, **ROBIN**--
IT MUSTN'T FALL!

I'VE GOT TO
HOLD CRAIG
HERE UNTIL
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN**
REPLACE THE
MONUMENT--

"I GRAPPLED WITH CRAIG--BUT I, **SUPERMAN**,
WAS LIKE A CHILD IN HIS HANDS..."

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU
GOT FREE, **SUPERMAN**,
BUT YOU'RE NO **SUPERMAN**--
NOW--AND I AM!

HIS GRIP--IT'S
CRUSHING ME--
CAN'T HURT HIM--



BETTER GET YOUR EX-SUPERMAN FRIEND BEFORE HE HITS THE CLIFF ACROSS THE RIVER!

HE'S DONE THIS TO DIVERT US, BUT WE HAVE TO SAVE SUPERMAN, ROBIN!

"HURLED BY THAT TERRIFIC STRENGTH, I FLEW HELPLESSLY THROUGH THE AIR!"



CAN'T FLY-- CAN'T STOP MYSELF-- I'LL CRASH INTO THAT CLIFF AND --

"BUT THE INSTANT BEFORE I CRASHED, TWO FLYING

GOT HIM!

"I FELT SHAKEN AS I HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE!"

VULNERABLE AS I AM NOW, I'D HAVE BEEN SQUASHED ON THAT CLIFF!

CRAIG SEIZED THE CHANCE TO ZOOM AWAY WITH HIS LOOT-- IT'S OUR FAULT, USING OUR SUPER-POWERS SO RECKLESSLY! YOU CAN TELL US HOW TO USE THEM SAFELY!



"QUICKLY, I TAUGHT MY FRIENDS HOW TO USE THEIR NEW SUPER-POWERS!"



THAT'S IT-- NOW YOU'VE GOT THE HANG OF IT! NOW WE'VE GOT TO FIND CRAIG-- HE'LL HAVE MADE A NEW HIDEOUT FOR HIMSELF!

AND SINCE HIS SUPER-POWERS WILL SOON FADE, IT MUST BE SOME PLACE HE CAN USE WHEN HE'S NORMAL AGAIN!

"BUT DESTINY INTERFERED WITH OUR TENSE PLANS!"

LOOK, A BIG THUNDERSTORM'S MOVING DOWN ON METROPOLIS-- AND I CAN HEAR LIGHTNING STRIKING THERE!

YOU MUST DEAL WITH THIS EMERGENCY SINCE I CAN'T-- HURRY THERE, AND I'LL START LOOKING FOR CRAIG'S HIDEOUT!



"AND BATMAN AND ROBIN ZOOMED AWAY TO MEET A DANGER I COULD NO LONGER FACE..."

RUNNING AND WALKING ARE SLOW COMPARED TO FLYING-- AND-- PUFF! -- THEY'RE MIGHTY-- PUFF! -- TIRING!



HOW ABOUT A LIFT?

SUPERMAN! YOU MUST BE JOKING! BUT-- SURE-- IF YOU REALLY WANT TO RIDE IN MY SLOW CAR, HOP IN!



"AS I STARTED MY SEARCH, BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE ALREADY CHALLENGING THE TERRIFIC STORM!"

LOOK, LIGHTNING HIT THE METROPOLIS ZOO-- SHATTERING THE WALL AND STAMPEDING THE ANIMALS IN PANIC! YOU ROUND THEM UP AND I'LL PREVENT ANY MORE BOLTS FROM STRIKING!

RIGHT!

I'VE SEEN SUPERMAN WARD OFF LIGHTNING-BOLTS THIS WAY, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D DO IT-- AND WITH MY NEW-FOUND INVULNERABILITY, I CAN'T EVEN FEEL IT!



"MEANWHILE, A SUPER-BOY WONDER WAS AT WORK BELOW!"

LOOK OUT, **ROBIN**-- THAT LION'S GOT YOUR ARM!

HE CAN'T HURT ME NOW AND IT'LL KEEP HIM OCCUPIED TILL I GET HIM BACK TO HIS CAGE! THEN I'LL GET THOSE ELEPHANTS!



HERE'S THE LAST OF THE ESCAPED ANIMALS-- NOW I CAN JOIN **BATMAN** IN WARDING OFF THE LIGHTNING FROM THE CITY! HE'S HAVING A REAL THRILL UP THERE!



"MEANWHILE, WHEN I REACHED METROPOLIS, I THOUGHT I KNEW WHERE CRAIG'S HIDEOUT MIGHT BE!"

Nobody'll believe I gave **SUPERMAN** a lift!

THANKS A LOT!

CRAIG WOULD SURELY HAVE USED HIS SUPER-STRENGTH TO TUNNEL OUT A SECRET HIDEOUT--THEN, WHEN HE'S NORMAL AGAIN, HE COULD STILL USE IT!



"IT TOOK ME PRECIOUS TIME TO GET THERE, AND MORE TIME TO FIND--"

THIS IS IT! WHEN CRAIG USED SUPER-STRENGTH TO DRILL DOWN HERE, IT CAUSED A SLIGHT EARTH-SHOCK CENTERING HERE!



MY DEDUCTION HAD BEEN RIGHT! THIS WAS THE SUPER-HIDEOUT!"

THIS IS IT! CRAIG'S HIDEOUT--THE LOOT HE'S ALREADY GATHERED! I'LL GET BACK UP AND LET **BATMAN** KNOW AT ONCE!



"I HURRIED TO THE SEISMOGRAPHIC LABORATORY OF METROPOLIS UNIVERSITY!"

I WANT TO KNOW OF ANY SMALL EARTH-SHOCKS IN THIS REGION TODAY--AND JUST WHERE THEY CENTERED!

THERE WAS ONE SMALL SHOCK HOURS AGO--ITS CENTER WAS RIGHT HERE, NORTH OF TOWN!



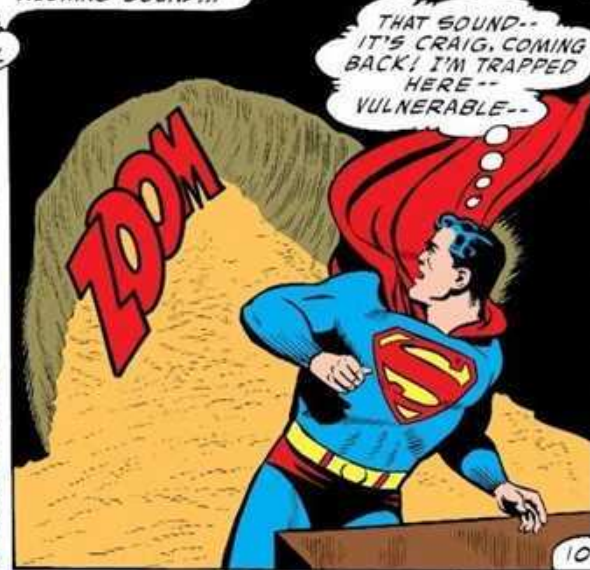
"A STRANGE FEELING OF APPREHENSION CAME OVER ME AS I ENTERED!"

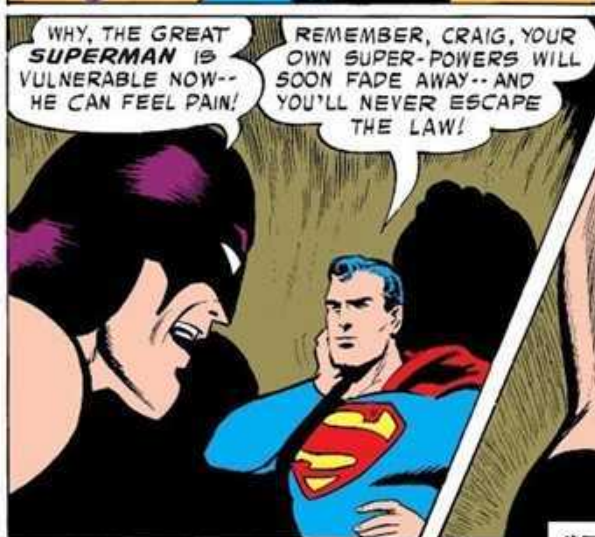
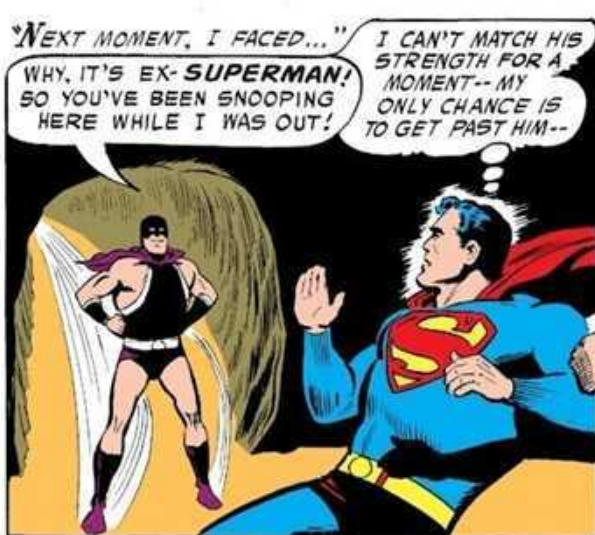
IF CRAIG IS HERE--HE'LL BE ABLE TO USE HIS SUPER-STRENGTH AGAINST MY NORMAL STRENGTH! BUT I'VE GOT TO GO ON--



"BUT I WAS TOO LATE! I HEARD AN ONCOMING RUSHING SOUND..."

THAT SOUND--IT'S CRAIG, COMING BACK! I'M TRAPPED HERE--VULNERABLE--





"WHILE I LAY IN DARKNESS, AN INCREASINGLY WORRIED **BATMAN AND ROBIN--**"

LOIS, WE MUST FIND **SUPERMAN!** HE WAS SEARCHING FOR THAT **SUPER-THIEF** AND HE'S VULNERABLE NOW--IN DANGER--!

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND HIM, TOO! AND THE SEISMOGRAPH LABORATORY TOLD ME THEY DIRECTED HIM TO A SPOT NORTH OF TOWN!

QUICK, WE'VE GOT TO FLY THERE-- WE'LL TAKE YOU ALONG AND YOU CAN SHOW US THE SPOT THEY DESCRIBED!

BUT-- BUT YOU AND **ROBIN-- FLYING!** AND YOU SAY **SUPERMAN'S** NOT SUPER NOW! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

"AND SOON, THOUGH I STILL KNEW NOTHING--" **BATMAN AND ROBIN!** BUT YOU CAN'T STOP ME!



MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE FADED-- I'M NORMAL AGAIN-- CAUGHT! BUT AT LEAST I GOT **SUPERMAN**, WHILE HE WAS VULNERABLE!

OH, NO-- IT CAN'T BE--NOT **SUPERMAN!**



"THEN SUDDENLY, AS CONSCIOUSNESS CAME BACK TO ME--"

WHY, MY BULLETS DIDN'T HARM HIM--YET HE WAS VULNERABLE--

BUT YOU FORGOT THAT MY **COSTUME** IS OF INVULNERABLE MATERIAL! IT SHIELDED ME FROM YOUR BULLETS, BUT THEIR IMPACT KNOCKED ME SENSELESS AGAINST THE WALL!



AND THE KRYPTONITE EFFECT PASSED OFF IN THE TIME I LAY UNCONSCIOUS! I'LL JUST DESTROY THIS CROOK'S HIDEOUT FIRST!

GEE, **SUPERMAN'S** HIMSELF AGAIN! OUR OWN POWERS WILL SOON FADE LIKE CRAIG'S DIP, BUT IT WON'T MATTER NOW!



"LATER, WHEN **BATMAN AND ROBIN**, NORMAL ONCE AGAIN, PREPARED TO RETURN HOME--"

WELL, WE'LL ZOOM BACK TO GOTHAM CITY NOW AND-- OH, OH! I FORGOT I CAN'T FLY NOW! ONCE YOU GET USED TO SUPER-POWERS, YOU REALLY MISS THEM!

YOU'RE TELLING ME! JUST KEEP THOSE CAPSULES SAFE IN THE **BAT-CAVE** SO NOBODY EVER GETS THEM AGAIN!





In this issue: **LIST OF
DC CONTEST WINNERS**

JUNE
NO. 88



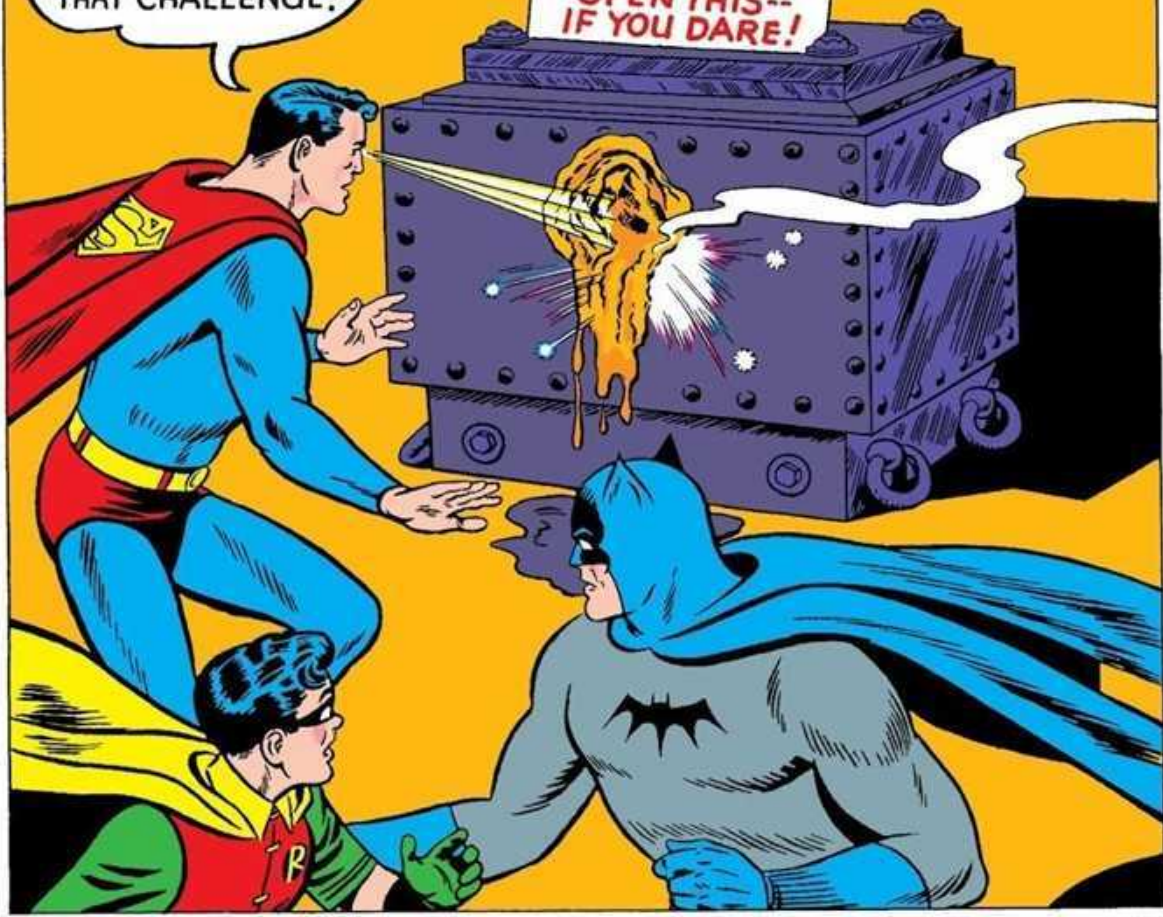
WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

*Featuring
YOUR FAVORITE
HEROES IN
ANOTHER EXCITIN
ADVENTURE--
"SUPERMAN
and BATMAN
GREATEST
FOES!"*

STAND BACK--
WE'RE ACCEPTING
THAT CHALLENGE!

A CHALLENGE TO
SUPERMAN
and BATMAN!
OPEN THIS--
IF YOU DARE!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

GIVE
MS
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
Patients need help

SUPERMAN
TM & © DC COMICS

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

MANY TIMES HAS
SUPERMAN

BATTLED HIS MOST DANGEROUS
ENEMY-- THAT WARPED SCIENTIFIC
GENIUS, **LUTHOR**! AND EQUALLY OFTEN, IN
DISTANT GOTHAM CITY, HAVE **BATMAN**
AND **ROBIN** BEEN CHALLENGED BY THAT
CUNNING, CROOKED CLOWN, **THE JOKER**!
BUT NOW, THE **MAN OF STEEL** AND THE
DYNAMIC DUO FACE THEIR FIERCEST
STRUGGLE OF ALL, WHEN **LUTHOR** AND
THE JOKER FORM A **PARTNERSHIP**, TO
BECOME...

**"SUPERMAN'S AND
BATMAN'S
Greatest
FOES!"**

THE JOKER
AND **LUTHOR** ARE
WORKING TOGETHER
NOW-- AND YET, WE
CAN'T STOP
THEM!



IN METROPOLIS CITY HALL, ONE MORNING, A STARTLING SIGHT AROUSES A CLERK IN THE LICENSES OFFICE...

WH-WHY... YOU'RE **LUTHOR**, THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL-SCIENTIST! YOU WANT A MANUFACTURING LICENSE?

YES, I'VE SERVED MY TERM AND AM GOING TO USE MY SCIENTIFIC GENIUS AS AN HONEST BUSINESSMAN!

MY PARTNER WILL SIGN HIS NAME, TOO... **THE JOKER!**

YES, HA-HA-- I, TOO, AM GOING HONEST! I CAME HERE FROM GOTHAM CITY, TO GET A NEW START!

IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR SENSATIONAL NEWS LIKE THIS TO REACH THE **DAILY PLANET**...

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! OUR CITY HALL REPORTER PHONED THAT **LUTHOR** AND **THE JOKER** ARE THERE TOGETHER, RIGHT NOW!

WOW-- HEAR THAT, CLARK? LET'S GO...

WHEN REPORTERS **CLARK KENT** AND **LOIS LANE** REACH THE SCENE...

WE'VE NOTHING TO HIDE, NOW THAT WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT! THIS AFTERNOON, WE'LL DEMONSTRATE THE NEW INVENTION WE'RE GOING TO MANUFACTURE, OUTSIDE OUR FACTORY!

YOU AND **THE JOKER** IN BUSINESS? THIS I'LL HAVE TO SEE!

BUT AS **THE JOKER'S** FLASHY CAR, **THE JOKERMOBILE**, ROLLS AWAY...

I'M SURE OUR NEW CAREERS WILL INTEREST OUR OLD FRIENDS **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN**, TOO!

YES-- HA, HA-- AND WHAT A SURPRISE THEY'RE IN FOR... HO, HO, HO!

AREN'T YOU COMING WITH ME, CLARK?

SORRY, LOIS, I... ER... JUST REMEMBERED ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT!

I HEARD WHAT **THE JOKER** SAID, WITH MY **SUPER-HEARING!** I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT AT ALL!

FOR HIS OTHER ASSIGNMENT," MILD-MANNERED CLARK KENT SECRETLY SWITCHES TO-- **SUPERMAN, THE MAN OF STEEL**...

WITH THOSE TWO CROOKS TEAMED UP ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN! AND SINCE **BATMAN** KNOWS **THE JOKER'S** TRICKS BETTER THAN ANYONE...

...I'LL PAY HIM A QUICK VISIT, AND LET HIM KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!



DOWN THEY RACE TO THEIR SECRET **BAT-CAVE**, ONLY TO DISCOVER...

IT'S **SUPERMAN**! HE DRILLED UP FROM UNDER-NEATH!

SORRY IF I STARTLED YOU, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO CHANCE ANYONE SEEING ME ENTER! I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU...

TO THE **DYNAMIC DUO**, IT'S OMINOUS NEWS INDEED...



BACK IN METROPOLIS, OUTSIDE THE NEW PARTNER'S FACTORY...

AH... THERE COME **SUPERMAN**, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, AS WE EXPECTED! WHAT A JOKE ON THEM THIS WILL BE!



ONLY MOMENTS LATER, IN THE **GOTHAM CITY** MANSION OF WEALTHY **BRUCE WAYNE** AND HIS YOUNG WARD, **PICK GRAYSON**...

BRUCE! SOMETHING'S SHAKING THE WHOLE HOUSE-- FROM UNDER-NEATH!

SOMEONE MAY BE TRYING TO BREAK INTO THE **BAT-CAVE**!



THE JOKER AND **LUTHOR** IN PARTNERSHIP? THAT'S BAD!

GOOD... I'LL TAKE YOU THERE THE **FAST WAY**!

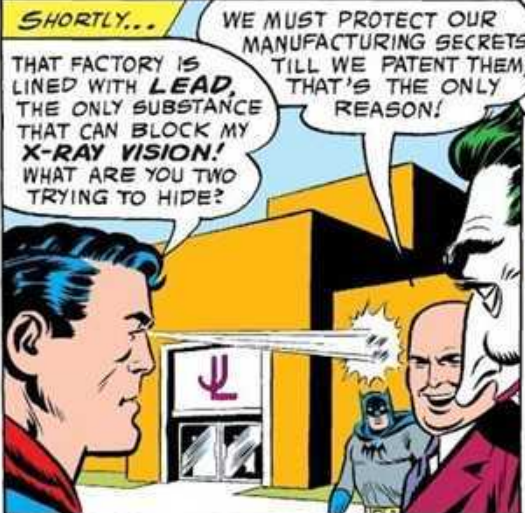
GOTHAM CITY IS QUIET-- SO WE CAN COME TO **METROPOLIS** AT ONCE!



YES... HA, HA... THE GREATEST JOKE OF MY ENTIRE JESTING CAREER, THANKS TO YOUR SCIENTIFIC GENIUS, **LUTHOR**!

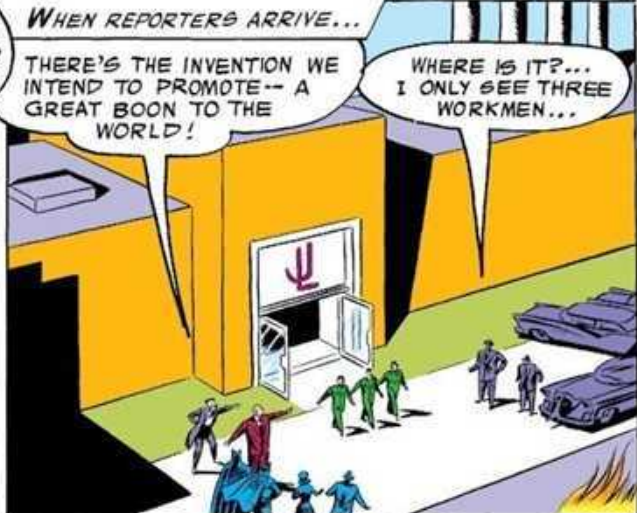
NO, NO, MY DEAR FELLOW! IT WAS THROUGH YOUR BRILLIANT SENSE OF HUMOR THAT THIS WHOLE SCHEME WAS CONCOCTED!





SHORTLY...
THAT FACTORY IS
LINED WITH **LEAD**,
THE ONLY SUBSTANCE
THAT CAN BLOCK MY
X-RAY VISION!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO
TRYING TO HIDE?

WE MUST PROTECT OUR
MANUFACTURING SECRETS,
TILL WE PATENT THEM,
THAT'S THE ONLY
REASON!



WHEN REPORTERS ARRIVE...
THERE'S THE INVENTION WE
INTEND TO PROMOTE-- A
GREAT BOON TO THE
WORLD!

WHERE IS IT?...
I ONLY SEE THREE
WORKMEN...

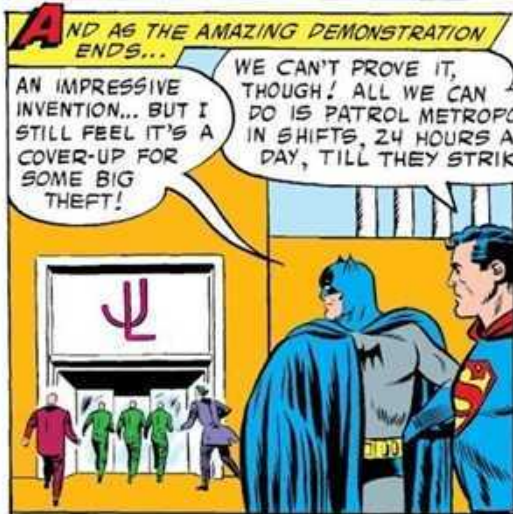


YOU MEAN **MECHANO-MEN**,
CONSTRUCTED OF A SUPER-STRONG
METAL I DEVELOPED! I CAN CONTROL
THEM ABSOLUTELY!



BECAUSE THEY ARE
INVULNERABLE TO ANY
AMOUNT OF HEAT AND
PRESSURE, THEY CAN
BE USED FOR TASKS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
ORDINARY
WORKMEN!

AS SOON AS WE'VE
TESTED THEM COM-
PLETELY, WE'LL START
MAKING THEM FOR
SALE!



AND AS THE AMAZING DEMONSTRATION
ENDS...

AN IMPRESSIVE
INVENTION... BUT I
STILL FEEL IT'S A
COVER-UP FOR
SOME BIG
THEFT!

WE CAN'T PROVE IT,
THOUGH! ALL WE CAN
DO IS PATROL METROPOLIS,
IN SHIFTS, 24 HOURS A
DAY, TILL THEY STRIKE!



SO THAT NIGHT, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**
MAINTAIN A RELENTLESS VIGIL...

AND FOR **THE
JOKER**, TOO! THERE HE
IS NOW, UP TO HIS OLD
TRICKS!

METROPOLIS
IS A NEW
FIELD FOR
US!



SAME OLD JOKER! JUST AS I FIGURED, YOU HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING STRAIGHT!

REALLY, **BATMAN**-- HA, HA, HA, HA-- THIS IS AN UNWARRANTED INTRUSION! I WAS ONLY PERFORMING A TEST...



AND NOW I HAVE MORE WORK TO DO! I'LL BE SEEING YOU, **BATMAN**... HO, HO, HO!

THAT STUNT WAS STAGED DELIBERATELY, TO MAKE US LOOK FOOLISH! HE'S GOT SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE... BUT **WHAT?**



YET THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING--FOR AWHILE LATER, AS **SUPERMAN TAKES OVER THE PATROL...**



WHATEVER **LUTHOR** AND **THE JOKER** ARE PLANNING, I'VE GOT TO-- OH, OH-- TROUBLE DOWN BELOW!



LOOK--
THAT CRAZY
CAR... IT'S
GOING TO HIT
THAT MAN!



NOT SO FAST THERE, JOKER!
BY DRIVING
RECKLESSLY,
YOU ALMOST
HIT THIS
MAN!

BUT--
HA, HA--
I WANTED
TO HIT HIM,
SUPERMAN!

NO--
HERE COMES
SUPERMAN!
JUST IN TIME!



IT'S ONE OF OUR
MECHANO-MEN,
AND I WAS PERFORMING
AN EXPERIMENT TO LEARN
HOW MUCH A CAR WOULD
DAMAGE IT!

AND I WAS IN
SUCH A RUSH
TO SAVE HIM, I
NEVER NOTICED!



NOW I'LL HAVE TO DO MY
EXPERIMENT ELSEWHERE--
IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME,
SUPERMAN...
HA, HA, HA!

I CAN'T STOP HIM,
SINCE HE BROKE NO
LAW--BUT I STILL
THINK THERE'S SOME-
THING BIGGER BEHIND
THESE JOKES!



LOIS LANE HAS THE SAME OPINION--
AND NEXT MORNING, SHE SETS OUT
TO PROVE IT...

THERE GOES LUTHOR--
AND I INTEND TO FIND
OUT WHAT HE'S UP TO!
IT COULD BE A BIG
SCOOP!



THE ANSWER COMES SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AT A LONELY
PLACE OUTSIDE METROPOLIS...

ONE OF HIS SCIENTIFIC
INVENTIONS! IT HURLS
ELECTRIC BOLTS THAT
SHATTER THE ROCK
CLIFF... BUT
WHY?



OH, DEAR!
HE DID IT TO BRING
DOWN AN AVALANCHE
ON THAT MAN! I'VE
GOT TO CALL
SUPERMAN
AND **BATMAN**,
TO RESCUE
HIM...

As **LUTHOR** GOES TO EXAMINE THE DESTRUCTION
HE CAUSED...

I SAW HOW HE
FIRED THE
ELECTRIC
BOLTS... IF
I FIRE ONE
INTO THE SKY,
THEY SHOULD
SEE IT!



AND, IN METROPOLIS...

THAT LIGHTNING
BOLT STRUCK UP-
WARD.. SOME-
THING'S WRONG!

...YES-- I SAW
LUTHOR CAUSE
THAT AVALANCHE
AND BURY A
MAN!

I'LL DIG
HIM OUT...

GO AHEAD,
SUPERMAN--
WE'LL FOLLOW!

As the MAN OF
STEEL ARRIVES,
SECONDS LATER...



BUT, AFTER A SUPER-FAST
RESCUE...



WHY... IT'S ANOTHER
OF THESE METAL
MECHANOMEN!

OF COURSE! I WAS MERELY
TESTING ITS RESISTANCE TO
PRESSURE! YOU'LL SIMPLY HAVE
TO STOP THIS CONSTANT INTER-
FERENCE WITH OUR BUSINESS!

As **LUTHOR** DRIVES OFF...

LOIS, I'VE
SOMETHING TO
SAY TO YOU!

DON'T
BOTHER... I
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE THINKING!
I--I'LL STOP
BUTTING IN,
FROM NOW
ON!



GOOD... THAT'LL KEEP HER OUT OF TROUBLE! OF COURSE, IT WASN'T REALLY HER FAULT...THE **MECHANOMEN** FOOLED US, TOO!

LUTHOR'S INGENUOUS INVENTION, AND **THE JOKER'S** WARPED SENSE OF HUMOR, ARE MAKING US **ALL** LOOK A BIT FOOLISH!

THEY MUST BE PULLING THESE TRICKS SO WE WON'T BOTHER THEM ANY MORE... THEN THEY CAN TRY A BIG CRIME!

BUT WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING? IF I COULD SEE INSIDE THEIR FACTORY, I MIGHT FIND OUT... BUT I CAN'T!



MAYBE YOU CAN, **SUPERMAN**... I JUST GOT AN IDEA! THOSE TWO WOULDN'T ALLOW US PAST THE DOOR OF THEIR FACTORY... BUT WHAT ABOUT WEALTHY **BRUCE WAYNE**? THEY'VE NO REASON TO SUSPECT **HIM**!



THUS A LITTLE LATER, IN THE FACTORY'S WEIRD OFFICE...

HA, HA... WE'VE MADE **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** LOOK UTTERLY RIDICULOUS! AND THEY DON'T KNOW THE **REAL** JOKE ON THEM IS YET TO COME... HA, HA, HA!

QUIET, **JOKER**-- WE HAVE A CALLER!



AND AS THAT "CALLER" STATES HIS "BUSINESS"...

I'M **BRUCE WAYNE**, A DIRECTOR OF THE **WAYNE MINING COMPANY**! I READ OF YOUR NEW **MECHANOMEN**, AND WOULD LIKE TO HIRE THEM FOR A TOUGH JOB!

WE DON'T PLAN TO RENT THEM OUT UNTIL AFTER TOMORROW'S BIG PUBLIC SHOWING OF THEIR ABILITIES!



TOO BAD... WHEN A MINING-BARGE SANK OFFSHORE RECENTLY, WE LOST SOME VALUABLE INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS! HUMAN DIVERS CAN'T GO THAT DEEP!

OH... WELL--ER--SHOW ME THE LOCATION! WHEN WE OPEN OUR BUSINESS, WE'LL HAVE OUR **MECHANOMEN** RECOVER THEM FOR YOU!



AND WHEN BRUCE LEAVES...

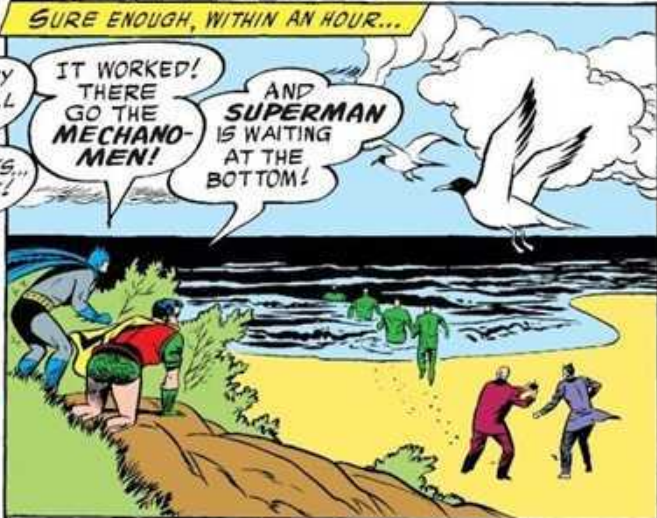


THEY WERE CAREFUL NOT TO LET ME INTO THE FACTORY PART-- BUT I'M SURE THEY'LL SEND THEIR **MECHANOMEN** AFTER THOSE DIAMONDS, FOR THEMSELVES... AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT!

SURE ENOUGH, WITHIN AN HOUR...

IT WORKED! THERE GO THE **MECHANOMEN**!

AND **SUPERMAN** IS WAITING AT THE BOTTOM!



BUT THE **MAN OF STEEL**, TO WHOM GREAT DEPTHS ARE NOTHING, WAITS IN **DISGUISE**...



ONE OF THOSE HEAVY METAL **MECHANOMEN** IS BOUND TO MIRE DOWN IN THE MUD BANKS AROUND HERE...

AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS...



LUCKY THEY'RE ONLY MACHINES... THEY CAN'T KNOW I'M REPLACING ONE OF THEM! AND NEITHER WILL **LUTHOR** AND THE **JOKER**, IF I'M CAREFUL!

LUTHOR IS USING REMOTE-CONTROL TO MAKE THEM HUNT OVER THE SEA-BOTTOM, BUT THEY'LL FIND NOTHING! AH... NOW HE'S BUZZING THEM TO COME BACK UP!



SOON...

BAH! THEY DIDN'T FIND THE DIAMONDS! SEND THEM DOWN TO SEARCH AGAIN!

WE WILL, BUT NOT NOW! WE MUST GET BACK TO THE FACTORY AND PREPARE FOR THE BIG PUBLIC **MECHANOMAN** SHOW!



AND AS A FAST TRUCK SPEEDS BACK TO METROPOLIS...

WITH TELESCOPIC VISION, I CAN SEE THE BATMOBILE FOLLOWING! NOW, WITH ANY LUCK, I'LL GET INSIDE THAT FACTORY AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE PLANNING!



PRESENTLY, IN THE PLANT...

THERE'S NOTHING HERE TO SHOW WHAT THEY'RE UP TO! NO BIG CRIME-MACHINES, LIKE LUTHOR HAS MADE IN THE PAST...



BUT JUST THEN...

EH--? ONE OF THE MECHANO-MEN MOVED HIS HEAD, LOOKING AROUND! I GLIMPSED IT AS I TURNED!

BUT I DIDN'T TOUCH THE CONTROLS! HMM... ONE OF THEM COULD BE AN IMPOSTOR! WE'D BETTER FIND OUT...



AND AFTER TESTING THE HUMAN-LIKE MACHINES, ONE BY ONE... THE OTHER MECHANO-MEN ARE JUST METAL--AND THIS ONE IS, TOO! OTHERWISE, THE MALLET WOULD AFFECT IT!

YES, EVEN THIS DRILL DOESN'T MARK HIM! I GUESS I WAS MISTAKEN, AFTER ALL!



BUT, ONCE ALONE IN THEIR OFFICE...

THIS SPECIAL DRILL COULD DENT ANY METAL, BUT IT DIDN'T DENT HIM! THAT MEANS IT'S SUPERMAN, DISGUISED!

DON'T LET ON WE KNOW IT! I'VE GOT A SCHEME!



LATER...

NOW'S THE TIME TO TAKE THE MECHANO-MEN AND CARRY OUT OUR PLAN OF ACTION!

AND BATMAN ROBIN AND I WILL BE THERE TO STOP THEIR PLANS!



AFTERWARD, IN AN ALLEY BEHIND
SOME OFFICE BUILDINGS...

THEY'LL SMASH
INTO THE
BUILDING
FAST!

AND THEY
CAN EASILY
CARRY OUT
THAT SAFE!

A BRUPTLY...

SO THAT'S
IT! WE'VE
GOT YOU COLD
THIS TIME, FOR
ROBBERY!

WHY, IT'S
SUPERMAN--
AND BATMAN
AND ROBIN!
BUT YOU'VE NO
RIGHT TO STOP
US!

WE JUST **BOUGHT** THAT
SAFE FOR OUR OFFICE,
AND GOT PERMISSION
TO OPEN THE WALL TO
GET IT OUT! HERE'S
THE PROOF!

AND NOW-- HA, HA-- IF
YOU'LL LET TWO HONEST
BUSINESSMEN ALONE,
WE'LL GO BACK AND
GET READY FOR OUR
BIG SHOW!

THEY MUST'VE SEEN THROUGH
MY DISGUISE, AND SET UP THIS
STUNT TO MAKE US LOOK BAD
AGAIN! I'M AFRAID OUR
PLAN BACKFIRED!

AND YOU SAW
NOTHING IN THEIR
FACTORY TO
INDICATE THEIR
REAL PLANS?



WAIT A MINUTE... THE EXTRA
CLOTHES I SAW HANGING THERE
MAY BE A CLUE TO THEIR PLANS!
IT WOULD TIE IN WITH THIS BIG
MECHANO-MAN SHOW THEY'RE
STAGING!



THAT AFTERNOON, IN A RENTED STADIUM, THE BIG EXHIBITION
COMMENCES...

THEIR **MECHANO-**
MEN SHOULD MAKE
THEM A FORTUNE!

I GUESS **SUPERMAN**
AND **BATMAN** ARE STILL
SUSPICIOUS... THERE THEY
ARE, WATCHING
EVERYTHING!



BUT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, BACK IN THE FACTORY...

YES, **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN** ARE THERE, WATCHING "US!" THEY'RE COMPLETELY FOOLED!

RIGHT... HA, HA... THEY DON'T REALIZE THE "LUTHOR" AND "JOKER" IN THE STADIUM ARE DISGUISED **MECHANO-MEN!** HO, HO, HO... THIS IS THE GREATEST JOKE OF MY CAREER!



WHILE OUR MECHANICAL DOUBLES KEEP THEM OCCUPIED, WE'LL USE OUR OTHER **MECHANO-MEN** TO CRACK THE SUB-TREASURY WIDE OPEN!

I'D LIKE-- HA, HA-- TO SEE **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN'S** FACES, WHEN THEY FIND WE'RE NOT REALLY AT THE STADIUM AT ALL!



MINUTES LATER, AS THE **MECHANO-MEN** BURST INTO A GUARDED TREASURE-HOUSE...

THEY CAN TEAR THE VAULTS OPEN-- AND BULLETS CAN'T STOP THEM!

BUT MAYBE **WE** CAN!



NO-- IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE AT THE STADIUM-- WE SAW YOU!

NO, THE "SUPERMAN" AND "BATMAN" THERE ARE PHONIES, TOO! I GUESSED YOUR PLAN FROM THE EXTRA LUTHOR AND JOKER CLOTHES IN YOUR FACTORY-- SO I MADE TWO MECHANO-MEN TO APPEAR THERE, AND WE WATCHED YOU!



NOW-- A LITTLE WESTERN-STYLE ROPING, TO ROUND UP THESE **MECHANO-MEN** OF YOURS!

WE'LL TAKE CARE OF **LUTHOR** AND **THE JOKER**... WE'RE GOING TO SET THEM UP IN A **NEW PARTNER-SHIP!**



AND AS THE PARTNERS OCCUPY THEIR NEW PLACE OF "BUSINESS"...

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, YOU GRINNING CLOWN!

GOON! YOU AND YOUR SO-CALLED BRILLIANT BRAIN...

NOW-NOW, BOYS... GOOD PARTNERS, I MEAN, CELLMATES-- SHOULD NEVER ARGUE!





WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

AUG.

NO. 89

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



AUTHORITY

Featuring
SUPERMAN
AND
BATMAN

In one adventure *together*--
"The CLUB of HEROES!"

SOMEHOW, OUR NEW
HERO, *LIGHTNING MAN*,
MUST BE CAUSING A
MYSTERIOUS EFFECT ON
SUPERMAN! WE'VE GOT
TO STOP HIM!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

WHEN THE MOST FAMOUS HEROES
IN THE WORLD ARE GATHERED
TOGETHER, WHO AMONG THEM WILL
BE CHOSEN AS THE GREATEST?
WILL IT BE **SUPERMAN**, THE MIGHTY
MAN OF STEEL? OR **BATMAN**,
THE GALLANT, CAPED
CRIME-BUSTER? AMAZINGLY
ENOUGH, IT'S NEITHER-- FOR
THEY ARE ECLIPSED BY A FABULOUS
NEWCOMER WHO CAN MATCH ALL
THEIR FEATS AND POWERS! AND THE
TWO LAWMEN MUST STRUGGLE TO
SOLVE A PERILOUS MYSTERY WHICH
CENTERS AROUND THAT
MYSTERIOUS
NEWCOMER
WHO
LEADS...

**"THE
CLUB
OF
HEROES"**

DAILY PLANET
NEW HERO, LIGHTNING-MAN,
PREVENTS
DISASTER

I GUESS YOU AND
I HAVE TO TAKE
SECOND PLACE
TO THIS NEW
LIGHTNING-MAN
FROM NOW ON!



ONE NIGHT, IN METROPOLIS,
A NEWS-SIGN BLAZES
AN URGENT MESSAGE...

AND MILD-MANNERED REPORTER
CLARK KENT SWIFTLY BECOMES
MIGHTY **SUPERMAN**, TO ANSWER
A FATEFUL SUMMONS...

MEANWHILE, A SYMBOL IN THE
GOTHAM CITY SKIES SUMMONS
BATMAN AND **ROBIN** TO POLICE
HEADQUARTERS...

SOMETHING BIG
MUST BE UP... I'D
BETTER CHANGE
COSTUME FAST!

CALLING
SUPERM



YES, THAT'S WHY
I FLASHED THE
BAT-SIGNAL...
YOU'RE NEEDED IN
METROPOLIS!

THINGS ARE
QUIET HERE,
COMMISSIONER...
WE'LL HURRY
UP THERE
AT ONCE!

GOTHAM
CITY
POLICE



AROUND THE WORLD FLASHES THE SAME MYSTERIOUS
SUMMONS, TO THE TWO GREAT LAWYEN OF **ENGLAND**...

THE
MUSKETEER, GREAT MASKED LAWYMAN OF
FRANCE, IS SUMMONED ALSO...

... AND THE **KNIGHT**
AND **SQUIRE** ARE
ASKED TO COME TO
METROPOLIS!

WIRELESS
SHOPPE

WE'LL ANSWER THAT
CALL! BUT NO ONE
MUST GUESS OUR
REAL IDENTITIES--
SO WE'LL WEAR OUR
KNIGHT AND **SQUIRE**
COSTUMES IN AMERICA,
TOO!

WE WILL MISS YOU,
M'SIEU **MUSKETEER**,
FOR EVEN THOUGH
WE KNOW NOT YOUR
REAL NAME, YOU
ARE A TERROR
TO LAWBREAKERS!

I WILL
RETURN WHEN I FIND
OUT WHY THEY NEED
ME IN L'AMERIQUE!



THE **GAUCHO** OF SOUTH AMERICA, TOO...

AND THAT HERO IN FARAWAY ITALY, WHO CONCEALS
HIS IDENTITY UNDER ANCIENT ROMAN GUISE...

HERE IS
THE THIEF
YOU WANTED!

MUCHAS GRACIAS, **GAUCHO**...
WE KNEW YOU'D RUN HIM DOWN!
BUT THERE IS A CALL FOR YOU,
FROM NORTE AMERICA!

YES, WE ARE
HONORED TO CARRY
TO AMERICA THE
LEGIONARY, OUR
GREATEST HERO!

BUT WHY HAVE ALL THESE
GREAT LAWYMEN BEEN SUM-
MONED TO METROPOLIS? IT
MUST BE FOR SOME
TREMENDOUS REASON!



IT IS, INDEED, A GREAT OCCASION
THAT GATHERS TOGETHER THE
FAMOUS HEROES OF ALL LANDS...

...FOR A METROPOLIS MILLIONAIRE HAS HAD AN INSPIRATION...

GENTLEMEN, THIS IS JOHN MAYHEW, WELL-KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST! IT'S HE WHO SENT FOR US ALL!

YES-- YOU'VE BEEN SUMMONED HERE TO BE HONORED FOR YOUR GREAT FEATS... I'VE BUILT THIS **CLUB** FOR YOU!

AND INSIDE...

THIS IS THE **CLUB OF HEROES**-- AND ALL OF YOU, BY YOUR GREAT DEEDS, BELONG TO IT! I'LL DEED IT TO WHOMEVER YOU SELECT AS CHAIRMAN!

WHAT A GIFT! THIS LAND AND BUILDING ARE WORTH A FORTUNE!



SUPERMAN IS THE LOGICAL CHOICE FOR CHAIRMAN OF THIS CLUB, SO MAKE THE DEED OUT TO HIM, MR. MAYHEW!

OH, NO-- **BATMAN** HAS DONE TREMENDOUS FEATS, AND SO HAVE ALL THESE OTHERS! ONE OF **THEM** DESERVES THE HONOR!

WELL--THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SETTLE THE MATTER... WHOEVER PERFORMS THE GREATEST FEATS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL BE YOUR CHAIRMAN!

FINE! THE VISITORS CAN STAY RIGHT HERE IN THE CLUB-HOUSE!

SPLENDE!

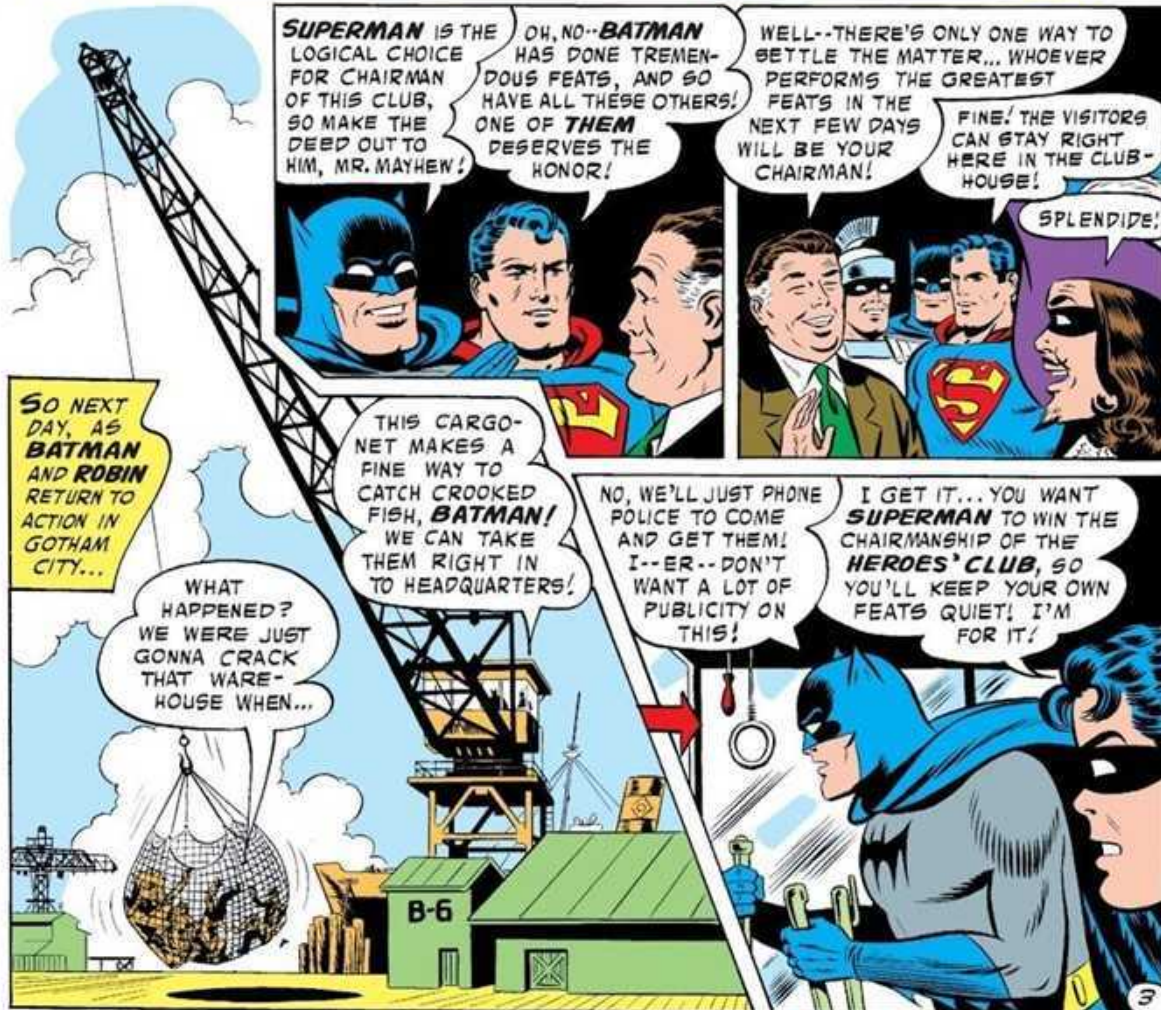
SO NEXT DAY, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RETURN TO ACTION IN GOTHAM CITY...

WHAT HAPPENED? WE WERE JUST GONNA CRACK THAT WAREHOUSE WHEN...

THIS CARGO-NET MAKES A FINE WAY TO CATCH CROOKED FISH, **BATMAN**! WE CAN TAKE THEM RIGHT IN TO HEADQUARTERS!

NO, WE'LL JUST PHONE POLICE TO COME AND GET THEM! I--ER--DON'T WANT A LOT OF PUBLICITY ON THIS!

I GET IT... YOU WANT **SUPERMAN** TO WIN THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE **HEROES' CLUB**, SO YOU'LL KEEP YOUR OWN FEATS QUIET! I'M FOR IT!



BUT OTHERS OF THE HERO-LAWMEN HAVE THE SAME IDEA, AS THEY GO INTO ACTION IN METROPOLIS...

LUCKILY, WE CAUGHT THESE THIEVES IN THE ACT-- BUT WE'LL NOT CLAIM CREDIT FOR THEIR CAPTURE!

S! SUPERMAN OR BATMAN SHOULD WIN THE CHAIRMANSHIP, BY RIGHTS!

JEWEL

MY LANCE-VAULTING TRICK WORKS AS WELL HERE AS AT HOME... BUT IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO SUPERMAN'S FEATS!

TRUE... WE CAN NEVER ECLIPSE HIM AND BATMAN!

Savings
AND
LOAN

AS FOR SUPERMAN HIMSELF, ON A HILL ROAD OUTSIDE THE CITY...

IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE TO CLEAR THE LANDSLIDE THAT BLOCKED THIS ROAD, BUT I WON'T REPORT IT! BATMAN OR ONE OF THE OTHERS SHOULD BE THE CLUB CHAIRMAN!

LATER, AFTER THE MAN OF STEEL HAS CHANGED TO CLARK KENT...

NOW TO KEEP A DATE WITH LOIS, AND... GOOD GRIEF-- I'VE NEVER HEARD SUCH LOUD THUNDER!

BUT SUDDENLY...

WHY--WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I'M GROWING DIZZY-- THINGS GETTING DARK... AS THOUGH KRYPTONITE WERE AFFECTING ME!

NO WONDER... A CIRCLE OF THUNDERSTORMS IS BUILDING UP ALL AROUND METROPOLIS! A FORMATION LIKE THAT CAN CAUSE TORNADOES... I'D BETTER SWITCH TO SUPERMAN AND BREAK UP THOSE STORMS!

BUT KRYPTONITE, THE ONE COSMIC SUBSTANCE THAT CAN WEAKEN **SUPERMAN**, IS NOWHERE IN SIGHT...

M-MY X-RAY, TELESCOPIC VISION... SCANNING THE ENTIRE CITY... CAN'T SPOT IT--ANYWHERE! YET--I'M PASSING OUT...

IN THE MEANTIME, WHERE LOIS LANE AWAITS CLARK...

THAT'S A POSSIBLE TORNADO STORM-PATTERN! WHY DOESN'T **SUPERMAN** BREAK IT UP?

DON'T WORRY--HE WILL!

WHO INDEED, IF NOT **SUPERMAN**?

HE'S EVEN MADE HIMSELF A GIANT WINDMILL TO BLOW THOSE STORMS AWAY!

AND LIGHTNING DOESN'T HURT HIM!

AND SECONDS LATER, THE MAN WHO IS MIGHTY **SUPERMAN**...

...LIES MYSTERIOUSLY STRICKEN DOWN, AS PERIL RUSHES UPON METROPOLIS!

JUST THEN...

AH-- THERE HE... WAIT! THAT ISN'T **SUPERMAN**!

BUT... WHO ELSE COULD FLY LIKE THAT?

AFTERWARD, WITH THE STORMS DISPELLED...

YOU CAN CALL ME... **LIGHTNING-MAN!**

YOU HAVE **SUPER-POWERS**, BUT NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN OR HEARD OF YOU BEFORE! WHO ARE YOU?

AND AS THIS NEW SUPER-HERO STREAKS AWAY...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS AT ALL! WHERE'S SUPERMAN? WHY DIDN'T HE MEET THAT DANGER, INSTEAD OF THIS NEWCOMER?

LIKE SUPERMAN, HE KEEPS HIS IDENTITY SECRET! BUT HE'S SURE TERRIFIC!

TO LEARN THE ANSWER, LOIS WOULD HAVE TO VISIT CLARK KENT'S APARTMENT, WHERE, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ME, IT REALLY KNOCKED ME OUT! I WAS JUST PREPARING TO MEET THAT STORM-DANGER... BETTER CHANGE FAST!

LIKE SUPERMAN, HE KEEPS HIS IDENTITY SECRET! BUT HE'S SURE TERRIFIC!

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN KRYPTONITE, BECAUSE I SAW NONE FOR MILES AROUND! WHAT'S MORE, I KEEP CLOSE TRACK OF ALL KRYPTONITE DANGERS, AND THE LAST WAS...

"...THAT BIG METEOR, CONTAINING KRYPTONITE, WHICH APPROACHED EARTH DAYS AGO!"

BUT AS CLARK HASTILY SWITCHES FOR ACTION...

AND THIS NEWS-PHOTO SHOWS HOW THE NEW HERO, LIGHTNING-MAN, DISPERSED THE TORNADO-THREAT BY SUPER-ACTION!

WHAT...? WH-WHO'S LIGHTNING-MAN? HOW DID HE GET SUPER-POWERS? AND WHAT KNOCKED ME OUT LIKE THAT?

CAN'T LET THAT METEOR REACH EARTH, OR CROOKS MIGHT GET THE KRYPTONITE ON IT, AND USE IT AGAINST ME! I'LL KNOCK IT BACK INTO SPACE...

WITHIN SECONDS, I WAS OUT OF DANGER...

THAT MOUNTAIN I THREW HIT IT AND KNOCKED IT BACK! THE METEOR WILL NEVER RETURN TO EARTH!

SO NO KRYPTONITE REACHED EARTH--WHICH MEANS SOMETHING ELSE KNOCKED ME OUT, JUST WHEN THIS NEW LIGHTNING-MAN APPEARED TO REPLACE ME! MAYBE HE DID IT TO ME--BUT HOW?... AND WHY?

IT'S A WORRIED **MAN OF STEEL** WHO ATTENDS THE NEXT MEETING OF THE **CLUB OF HEROES**...

SO FAR, THIS NEW HERO **LIGHTNING-MAN** HAS TOPPED YOU BY HIS GREAT FEAT, **SUPERMAN**! I SHALL INVITE HIM TO JOIN THE CLUB!

I WONDER-- COULD THAT BE THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY? I'LL CONSULT **BATMAN**...

WHEN THE MEETING IS OVER...

...AND THIS **LIGHTNING-MAN** COULD BE **FAKING** SUPER-STUNTS BY SCIENTIFIC MEANS, SO THAT HE CAN WIN CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CLUB! REMEMBER, MAYHEW WILL DEED THE CLUBHOUSE AND ITS GROUNDS TO THE CHAIR-MAN!

THAT PROPERTY'S WORTH A FORTUNE... IT COULD BE **LIGHTNING-MAN'S** MOTIVE! WE'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS...

BACK AT CLARK KENT'S APARTMENT, THE GREATEST DETECTIVE DUO IN THE WORLD INVESTIGATES A SUPER-MYSTERY...

SOMETHING HIT ME AND KNOCKED ME OUT--THAT'S ALL I KNOW!

HMM... ONE OF THE DRAPES HERE IS MISSING, AS THOUGH TORN AWAY BY SOME TERRIFIC FORCE!

BUT WHAT FORCE COULD THIS **LIGHTNING-MAN** USE TO OVERPOWER ME?

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT! YOU'RE SCHEDULED TO COVER THE TEST OF THE NEW ATOM-PLANE TODAY. WE'LL SEE IF THIS THING HAPPENS TO YOU AGAIN!

LATER, AS **BATMAN** UTILIZES HIS SCIENTIFIC SKILL...

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SWITCH TO **SUPERMAN** AND GET TO THAT ATOM-PLANE TEST!

GO AHEAD... THESE INSTRUMENTS WILL DETECT ANY UNUSUAL FORCE! IF THIS **LIGHTNING-MAN** TRIES TO KNOCK YOU OUT AGAIN, WE'LL KNOW IT!

BUT, IRONICALLY, AT THAT MOMENT...

WHY-- A FORCE IS HITTING THIS APARTMENT **NOW**... A RADIATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF KRYPTONITE!

BATMAN-- LOOK AT CLARK! HE'S PASSING OUT AGAIN!

THAT PROVES IT-- SOMEONE IS DELIBERATELY KNOCKING HIM OUT WITH THAT RADIATION!

AND THAT SOME-ONE COULD BE **LIGHTNING-MAN!** COME ON... WE'LL SEE IF HE SHOWS UP AT THAT PLANE-TEST!

AND AS A BIG, NEW ATOM-POWERED PLANE IS LAUNCHED...

SINCE THE ATOM-PLANE IS REMOTE-CONTROLLED, IT HAS NO CREW IN IT TO RUN RISKS-- AND **SUPERMAN** AGREED TO WATCH OVER THE TEST, TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS!



THERE COME **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**-- BUT I DON'T SEE **SUPERMAN** YET!

AT THAT INSTANT...



THERE HE IS!... **LIGHTNING-MAN!** HOW DID HE GET SUPER-POWERS?

THAT'S A MYSTERY, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S KNOCKING OUT **SUPERMAN** WITH RADIATION, EACH TIME, SO HE CAN PERFORM BIG FEATS!

AND AS SUDDEN DANGER ARISES...

THE POWER PLANT OF THE PLANE HAS RUN WILD... IT'LL BE A MENACE WITH ITS RADIATION IF IT CRASHES ANYWHERE! BUT IT CAN'T HURT ME...



MOMENTS LATER, IN THE CRATER OF A LONG-EXTINCT VOLCANO...

THIS WILL BURY THE DEADLY PLANE, FOR ALL TIME, WHERE ITS RADIATION CAN'T LEAK OUT AND HARM ANYONE!



I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S SAFELY DISPOSED...



BACK AT THE AIRPORT...

THANKS, **LIGHTNING-MAN**... YOU PREVENTED A DISASTER, WHEN **SUPERMAN** FAILED TO SHOW UP!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT HIS GAME...

ER...YOU'VE BEEN MADE A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB, **LIGHTNING-MAN**, SO NATURALLY YOU'LL WANT TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH US!

WELL--I CAN HARDLY REFUSE SUCH AN HONOR!

SOON, AT THE CLUB OF HEROES...

LIGHTNING-MAN'S GREAT FEATS ARE OUTSTANDING, BUT ALL OF YOU HAVE DONE FINE DEEDS-- EXCEPT **SUPERMAN**!

WE'LL FOLLOW **LIGHTNING-MAN** WHEN HE LEAVES, AND SEE IF IT'S REALLY HE WHO'S KNOCKING OUT **SUPERMAN**!

BUT WHEN LOIS LANE BRINGS THE FAMOUS LAYMEN WORD OF A NEW PERIL...

DANGEROUS CONVICTS ARE BEING MOVED TO THE NEW **METROPOLIS JAIL** TOMORROW--AND THE POLICE FEAR A RESCUE ATTEMPT!

THEN WE'LL ACT AS AN ADDED ESCORT-- WON'T WE, **LIGHTNING-MAN**?

WHY--ER-- CERTAINLY... I'LL BE THERE!

CLUB OF HEROES

BUT WHERE'S **SUPERMAN**? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?

CAN'T TELL YOU NOW, LOIS-- WE HAVE TO HURRY! COME ON, ROBIN...

THEY'RE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, RUNNING AFTER THIS NEW **LIGHTNING-MAN** NOW, WHILE **SUPERMAN** IS ALMOST FORGOTTEN!

WE'VE GOT TO KEEP **LIGHTNING-MAN** IN SIGHT!

BUT THE SUPER-SPEED OF THIS NEW HERO IS TOO MUCH FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO...



IT'S NO USE -- WE CAN'T FOLLOW ANYONE THAT FAST!

AND WE OUGHT TO GET BACK TO CLARK, AND SEE IF HE'S COME OUT OF IT YET!

LATER, AT CLARK KENT'S APARTMENT...

YES, I JUST CAME OUT OF MY DAZE-- IT HAPPENED JUST AS BEFORE!

AND THE MYSTERIOUS RADIATION THAT KNOCKED YOU OUT CAME AT THE SAME TIME AS BEFORE! THAT'S FUNNY!



IT **MUST** BE THIS **LIGHTNING-MAN** WHO'S KNOCKING ME OUT-- BUT HOW DOES HE DO IT?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA ABOUT THAT-- SO I'M GOING TO SET UP A DIFFERENT GADGET, WHICH WILL SOLVE THE MYSTERY IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN TOMORROW!



NEXT DAY, AS THE HOUR OF DANGER APPROACHES...

I'M READY TO GO WITH YOU OTHER LAWMEN TO ESCORT THAT CONVICT-CARAVAN!

NO, **SUPERMAN**-- IF THAT MYSTERIOUS RADIATION HIT YOU AT THE SAME TIME TODAY, IT COULD BE DISASTROUS TO OUR ESCORT PLANS! I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE, AS CLARK KENT!



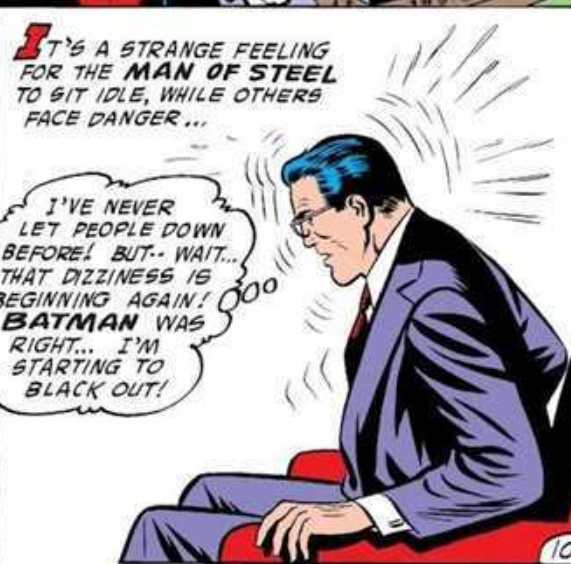
SURE... I--I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR NOT WANTING TO RELY ON ME, AFTER THE WAY I'VE FAILED EVERYONE!

IT ISN'T THAT... I'LL EXPLAIN WHEN WE RETURN!



IT'S A STRANGE FEELING FOR THE **MAN OF STEEL** TO SIT IDLE, WHILE OTHERS FACE DANGER...

I'VE NEVER LET PEOPLE DOWN BEFORE! BUT-- WAIT... THAT DIZZINESS IS BEGINNING AGAIN! **BATMAN** WAS RIGHT... I'M STARTING TO BLACK OUT!



MEANWHILE, WHERE FAMOUS LAWYERS ESCORT DANGEROUS CONVICTS TO A NEW PRISON...

LOOK, **BATMAN**-- THOSE TANKS ARE COMING OUT AT US!

CROOKS HAVE BEEN SECRETLY WAITING IN THEM, TO TRY TO RESCUE THEIR PALS! WE'VE GOT TO BREAK UP THE ATTEMPT!

MUFFLE THEIR EYE-SLIT LOOPHOLES SO THEY CAN'T SEE OUT!

OUI! THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO EMERGE IN THE OPEN!



NOW THAT YOU'VE STOPPED THEM, I'LL TAKE THEM ALONG TO PRISON FAST!



BUT BEFORE THE TANKS' OCCUPANTS CAN EMERGE...

WOW! **LIGHTNING-MAN** IS CLEANING THEM UP IN ONE SWOOP!



LATER, AS CLARK KENT HAS ANOTHER STRANGE AWAKENING...

IT HAPPENED AGAIN! WHO'S DOING THIS TO ME, **BATMAN**?

NO ONE IS DOING IT! I WANT YOU, AS **SUPERMAN**, TO SEARCH THE SKY BEYOND METROPOLIS!

AND VERY SOON, BACK AT THE CLUB OF HEROES...

LIGHTNING-MAN, YOUR FEATS HAVE WON YOU THE CHAIRMANSHIP-- SO I'VE DEEDED THE CLUBHOUSE PROPERTY TO YOU!

THANKS... I MUST LEAVE NOW!

NO USE FOLLOWING HIM-- WE'LL GO BACK TO **SUPERMAN**!



AS THE **MAN OF STEEL** SWIFTLY COMBS THE SKY...

WHY, THAT'S A CHIPPED-OFF FRAGMENT OF THE KRYPTONITE-ASTEROID I KNOCKED AWAY DAYS AGO! IT'S BEEN CIRCLING EARTH EVER SINCE!



AFTER BLOWING THE KRYPTONITE INTO OUTER SPACE WITH SUPER-BREATH, **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO HEAR A STARTLING EXPLANATION...

THEN EVERY TIME THAT LITTLE KRYPTONITE-SATELLITE WENT OVER METROPOLIS, IT AFFECTED ME?

YES... AND IT WAS THE REGULARITY OF THE TIME THAT MADE ME SUSPECT THAT! IT DIDN'T PARALYZE YOU BUT WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU **AMNESIA** EACH TIME!



"YET, YOUR STRONG INSTINCTS TO PREVENT DISASTER, AND TO KEEP YOUR IDENTITY SECRET, STILL MOVED YOU TO ACTION..."

"AND SO, UNAWARE WHO YOU REALLY WERE, **YOU YOURSELF** BECAME **LIGHTNING-MAN**..."

AND EACH TIME, WHEN THE KRYPTONITE AMNESIA-INFLUENCE PASSED AWAY, YOU COULDN'T REMEMBER THAT YOU'D BEEN **LIGHTNING-MAN**.

HAVE TO BREAK UP THOSE TORNADO-STORMS, BUT MUSN'T LET ANYONE KNOW WHO I AM! THIS CLOTH WILL MAKE A COSTUME AND MASK FOR ME!

JOB'S FINISHED... GOT TO HIDE THIS COSTUME! NO ONE MUST KNOW MY TRUE IDENTITY!

MIND'S A BLANK... MUST'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS ALL THAT TIME!



I FIGURED THAT WAS IT, FROM THE CLUE OF THE MISSING DRAPE-- AND PLANTED THIS AUTOMATIC CAMERA, WHICH **PHOTOGRAPHED** YOU CHANGING TO **LIGHTNING-MAN** LAST TIME!

BUT NOW THAT THE KRYPTONITE SATELLITE'S GONE, IT CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN-- AND I'LL EXPLAIN TO THE CLUB!

SO BACK AT THE **CLUB OF HEROES**, LATER...

YOU WON THE CHAIRMANSHIP FAIRLY AS **LIGHTNING-MAN**... SO WE INSIST THAT AS **SUPERMAN**, YOU KEEP IT!

I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN ALL THE TIME -- **NO ONE** COULD EVER TOP **SUPERMAN** EXCEPT HIMSELF!





OCT. NO. 90

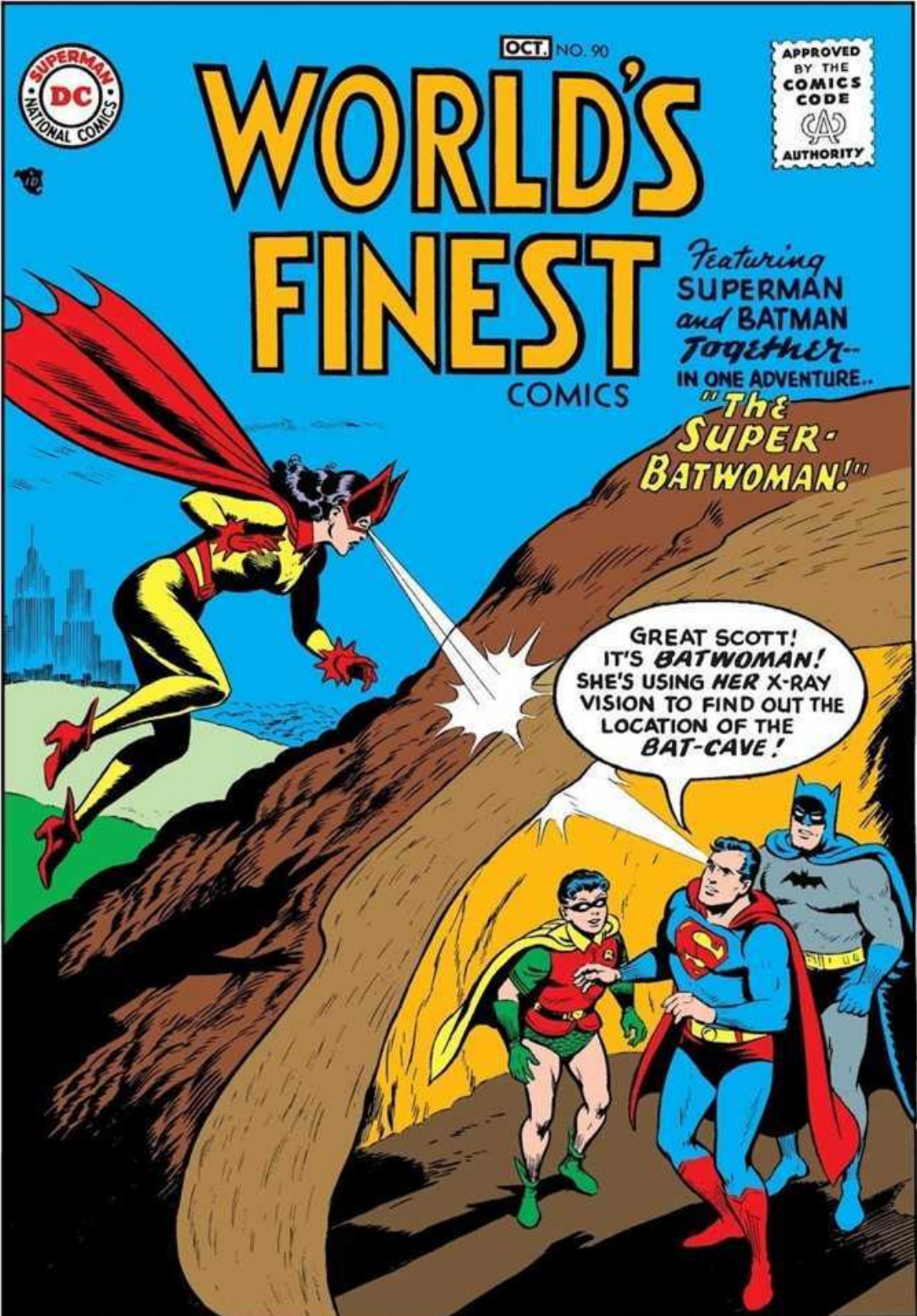


WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

Featuring
SUPERMAN
and BATMAN
Together—
IN ONE ADVENTURE..

**"The
SUPER-
BATWOMAN!"**



GREAT SCOTT!
IT'S *BATWOMAN*!
SHE'S USING HER X-RAY
VISION TO FIND OUT THE
LOCATION OF THE
BAT-CAVE!

YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

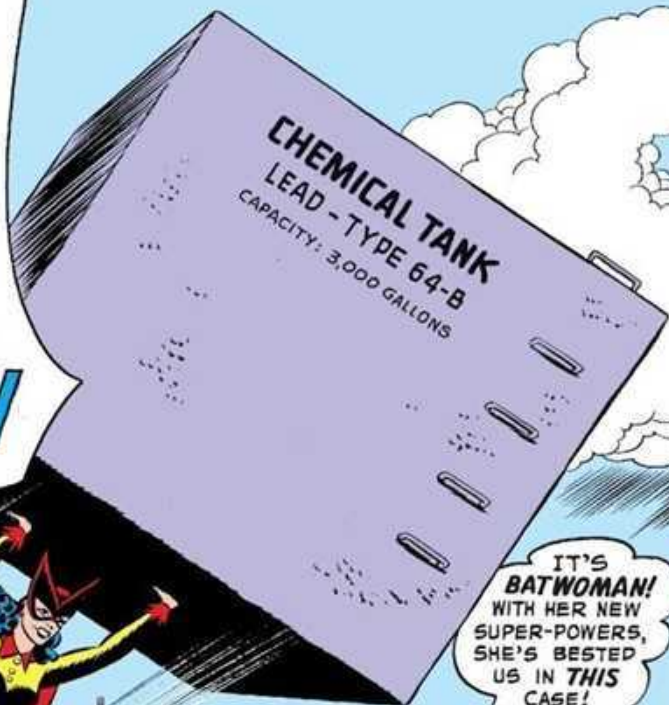
SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

and **BATMAN**
AND ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE DYNAMIC DUO OF GOTHAM CITY, AND **SUPERMAN**, THE MIGHTY **MAN OF STEEL** OF METROPOLIS, HAVE OFTEN JOINED FORCES! BUT NOW THIS TREMENDOUS TRIO FACES AN UNPRECEDENTED SITUATION WHEN THAT GLAMOROUS GIRL DETECTIVE, THE **BATWOMAN**, SETS OUT TO LEARN THEIR GREATEST SECRET! FOR A STRANGE CHAIN OF EVENTS GIVES HER SUPER-POWERS, AND THEY FIND THEMSELVES MATCHED AGAINST...

THE **SUPER-**
BATWOMAN



IT'S **BATWOMAN!**
WITH HER NEW
SUPER-POWERS,
SHE'S BESTED
US IN THIS
CASE!



ONE FATEFUL AFTERNOON, AS REPORTER CLARK KENT WALKS HOME ALONG A METROPOLIS STREET...

THAT SOUND-- IT'S THE ALARM-GIVEN AT METROPOLIS PRISON! I CAN CATCH IT BY SUPER-HEARING!

AND, QUICKLY, IN A CONCEALING ALLEYWAY, THE MILD-MANNERED REPORTER CHANGES TO BECOME MIGHTY **SUPERMAN**!

THERE MUST BE SOME EMERGENCY OUT THERE-- I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!

TO REACH THE PRISON MILES AWAY TAKES BUT A SECOND FOR THE **MAN OF STEEL**!

WHAT'S WRONG, WARDEN?

SUPERMAN, OUR MOST DANGEROUS PRISONER HAS ESCAPED! ELTON CRAIG, THAT SUPER-THIEF YOU AND **BATMAN** CAPTURED!

CRAIG BOASTED TO OTHER PRISONERS THAT HE HAD A SUPER-POWER CAPSULE HIDDEN OUTSIDE, AND WAS GOING TO GET IT! WHAT DID HE MEAN?

THOSE ARE CAPSULES THAT GIVE ANYONE TEMPORARY **SUPER-POWERS**! THE CAPSULES WERE MADE LONG AGO BY MY OWN FATHER!

AND IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...

"I WAS BORN ON THE PLANET KRYPTON, AND MY FATHER, THE SCIENTIST JOR-EL--"

"THE CHAIN REACTION PREDICTED BY MY FATHER HAD BEGUN, AND--"

"AND WHEN KRYPTON EXPLODED, THE BOX OF SUPER-POWER CAPSULES WAS BLASTED OUT INTO SPACE!"

KRYPTON IS DOOMED, BUT WHEN WE MIGRATE TO EARTH, WE'LL HAVE SUPER-POWERS THERE! AND SHOULD WE LOSE THOSE POWERS, THESE CAPSULES WILL RENEW OUR POWERS TEMPORARILY!

JOR-EL, LISTEN-- THAT TERRIBLE RUMBLE FROM INSIDE KRYPTON!

KRYPTON IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE-- WE CAN'T ESCAPE, BUT OUR SON CAN REACH EARTH IN THE MODEL ROCKET! HE'LL HAVE SUPER-POWERS THERE!

YOU FORGOT TO PUT THE CAPSULES IN WITH HIM, BUT MAYBE HE'LL NEVER NEED THEM! GOODBYE, MY SON!



YEARS LATER, THE BOX OF SUPER-POWER CAPSULES FELL ON EARTH, AND THAT CROOK CRAIG FOUND THEM! WE CAPTURED HIM AND RECOVERED THE CAPSULES, BUT IT SEEMS NOW HE'D HIDDEN ONE!

AND IF HE GETS TO IT, HE CAN BECOME A SUPER-POWERED THIEF!



THE CAPSULE ONLY GIVES SUPER-POWERS FOR 24 HOURS, BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO MUCH! I'VE GOT TO FIND IT BEFORE CRAIG GETS IT--I'LL SEARCH THE OLD HOUSE THAT WAS HIS HIDEOUT!



MEANWHILE, IN GOTHAM CITY, SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, CATCH A DRAMATIC NEWS-BULLETIN!

ELTON CRAIG, DANGEROUS CROOK, HAS ESCAPED FROM METROPOLIS PRISON AND IS RUMORED TO BE AFTER A HIDDEN CAPSULE THAT WILL GIVE HIM SUPER-POWERS!

DICK, CRAIG MUST BE CAUGHT BEFORE HE ACQUIRES SUPER-POWERS! COME ON!



IN THE BAT-CAVE HIDDEN UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, A SWIFT CHANGE TO BATMAN AND ROBIN AND...

IF CRAIG HID A CAPSULE BEFORE SUPERMAN AND I CAUGHT HIM, IT MUST HAVE BEEN IN HIS OLD HIDEOUT NEAR METROPOLIS!

WE CAN GET THERE FAST IN THE BATMOBILE!



IN ANOTHER GOTHAM CITY MANSION, HEIRESS KATHY KANE HAS ALSO HEARD THAT BULLETIN!

I, WHO WAS ONCE BATWOMAN, COULD HELP BATMAN AND SUPERMAN IN THIS EMERGENCY! EVEN THOUGH BATMAN DISCOVERED MY IDENTITY AND INSISTED I GIVE UP MY CAREER, HE'D SURELY WELCOME MY HELP NOW!



A QUICK CHANGE OF COSTUME--AND THE GLAMOROUS BATWOMAN SPEEDS FORTH AGAIN!

CRAIG WOULD HAVE HIDDEN THAT CAPSULE NEAR WHERE HE WAS CAUGHT BEFORE! IF I COULD CATCH HIM IN TIME, IT WOULD SHOW BATMAN WHAT I CAN DO!



BUT WHEN, ON HER SWIFT BAT-CYCLE, THE BATWOMAN REACHES THE LONELY FORMER HIDEOUT OF CRAIG...

CRAIG MUST HAVE HIDDEN THE SUPER-POWER CAPSULE HERE, AND HE'LL COME HERE FOR IT! I HAVEN'T FOUND IT YET, BUT-- **BATWOMAN!**

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T MIND IF I WENT INTO ACTION THIS ONCE TO HELP YOU!



WE DO MIND-- IT'S TOO BIG A RISK! REMEMBER, I DISCOVERED YOUR IDENTITY, **BATWOMAN**, AND CROOKS COULD DO THE SAME!

OH-- ALL RIGHT! I'LL GO BACK HOME AGAIN!

BATMAN'S RIGHT!



BUT AS A DEJECTED BATWOMAN STARTS HOMEWARD, HER SLEUTHING INSTINCTS SUDDENLY DISCERN...

HM... THAT OLD ABANDONED CHEMICAL FACTORY NEAR CRAIG'S HIDEOUT WOULD HAVE **LEAD TANKS** IN IT-- AN IDEAL HIDING-PLACE FOR THE CAPSULE! AND CRAIG COULD APPROACH BY KEEPING THE LEAD BETWEEN HIM AND **SUPERMAN'S** X-RAY VISION!



QUICKLY SLIPPING INTO THE OLD FACTORY, BATWOMAN FINDS...

UNDER THIS LEAD TANK, **SUPERMAN** COULDN'T SEE THE HIDDEN CAPSULE-- AND IN A MOMENT IT'LL GIVE ME SUPER-POWERS MATCHING HIS, FOR 24 HOURS!

HE'S GOT THE CAPSULE-- BUT I CAN GRAB IT FROM HIS HAND--



A FLYING LEAP AND SNATCH, AND...

BATWOMAN! YOU GRABBED THE CAPSULE, BUT YOU WON'T KEEP IT LONG!

CAN'T GET PAST HIM-- AND HE **MUSTN'T** RECOVER THE CAPSULE AND TAKE IT! TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T-- I MUST DO IT MYSELF!



AND AS THE BATWOMAN SHIFTLY SWALLOWS THE CAPSULE...

SHE TOOK THE CAPSULE! I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!

NOT SO FAST, CRAIG!



AND WITH NEWLY-ACQUIRED SUPER-STRENGTH AND SPEED...

IF YOU'RE IN SUCH A HURRY, I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT -- BACK TO YOUR CELL!

AN INSTANT LATER, A STUNNING SURPRISE FOR SUPERMAN AND BATMAN!

I CAUGHT CRAIG -- AND I'LL BE BACK IN A SECOND, AFTER I RETURN HIM TO PRISON!

BATWOMAN -- WITH SUPER-POWERS!

ROBIN, THIS MEANS WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING QUICKLY!

AND WHEN BATWOMAN RETURNS, ONLY SECONDS AFTERWARDS...

I HAD TO SWALLOW THE SUPER-POWER CAPSULE TO KEEP CRAIG FROM TAKING IT! BUT HAVING SUPER-POWERS IS WONDERFUL!

YOUR SUPER-POWERS WILL ONLY LAST 24 HOURS!

-- BUT SUPER-POWERS CAN BE DANGEROUS! YOU MUST GO HOME AND STAY SAFELY QUIET UNTIL YOUR POWERS HAVE FADED AWAY!

BATMAN, I'M TIRED OF YOUR BOSSING ME! JUST BECAUSE YOU FOUND OUT MY IDENTITY, YOU THINK YOU'RE SUPERIOR AND KEEP LECTURING ME!

BUT IT'S ONLY FOR YOUR OWN GOOD--

I'M GOING TO FIND OUT YOUR SECRET IDENTITIES! I WON'T TELL ANYONE, BUT THAT'LL KEEP YOU FROM BOSSING ME!

AND USING HER NEW POWER OF X-RAY VISION...

I'LL LOOK RIGHT THROUGH YOUR MASKS AND SEE YOUR FACES -- BUT -- BUT MY X-RAY VISION WON'T PENETRATE YOUR MASKS!

WHEN WE SAW YOU HAD SUPER-POWERS, TO PROTECT OURSELVES WE HAD SUPERMAN LINE OUR MASKS WITH LEAD FROM THAT OLD FACTORY!

BATMAN'S PROVED AGAIN THAT HE'S TOO CLEVER FOR YOU, **BATWOMAN!**

HAS HE? I'VE GOT SUPER-POWERS FOR 24 HOURS, AND I'LL USE THOSE TO DISCOVER YOUR SECRET IDENTITIES SOMEHOW!

FROM NOW ON, I'M OUT TO LEARN YOUR SECRETS! I DON'T WANT TO OBSTRUCT YOU IN YOUR VITAL WORK, SO I'LL DECLARE A TRUCE WHENEVER YOU'RE ON A MISSION -- BUT OTHER TIMES, LOOK OUT!



BUT, **BATWOMAN**--

SUPERMAN, WITH SUPER-POWERS SHE **COULD** LIKELY FIND OUT WHO WE ARE-- AND THAT WOULD BE RISKY FOR US! CROOKS MIGHT TRICK THE SECRET OF OUR IDENTITIES OUT OF HER!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I'D BETTER ACCOMPANY YOU TO GOTHAM CITY!



BUT AS A WORRIED TRIO REACH GOTHAM CITY...

SHE'S STILL FOLLOWING US-- TRYING TO TRAIL YOU BACK TO YOUR **BAT-CAVE!**

SUPERMAN, WE SHOULD SEPARATE-- SHE CAN'T FOLLOW BOTH OF US AT THE SAME TIME!



AND AFTER MAKING SWIFT PLANS...

IF SHE FOLLOWS **YOU** INSTEAD OF **ME**, I'LL CARRY OUT OUR SCHEME BEFORE I GO BACK TO MY JOB AS CLARK KENT!

WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL-- **BATWOMAN** IS CLEVER AS WELL AS SUPER!



YES, SHE'S FOLLOWING **US**, **BATMAN!** WE PAREN'T GO BACK TO THE **BAT-CAVE** NOW!

WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION AND SUPER-SPEED, IT'LL BE HARD TO EVADE HER! BUT WE'LL TRY!



AND AS **BATMAN** USES EVERY TRICK HE KNOWS...

NO, **BATMAN**, YOU CAN'T GIVE ME THE SLIP BY USING VEHICLE-TUNNELS! WITH MY SUPER-POWERS, IT'S NOT THAT EASY!



I KNOW OF A PLACE NEAR HERE WHERE WE COULD GET OUT OF HER SIGHT! AS SOON AS SHE QUITS TRAILING US, I CAN DUCK INTO IT!

BATMAN, LISTEN--THAT'S A GENERAL FIRE-ALARM! WE MAY BE NEEDED!

INSTANTLY, IGNORING THE THREAT TO THEIR IDENTITIES, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RESPOND TO A DISASTER-CALL!

AND IN THIS URGENT CRISIS, THE **BATWOMAN** ALSO GOES INTO ACTION...

THAT FIRE IS ON THE TOP FLOOR--AND WE CAN'T GET THROUGH IT TO A MAN WHO'S TRAPPED ON THE ROOF!

ROBIN AND I CAN SWING OVER FROM THE ADJACENT BUILDING AND TAKE HIM OFF!



SINCE THEY'RE SWINGING OVER TO TAKE OFF THE TRAPPED MAN, I CAN USE THIS WATER-TANK ON THIS FIRE! WHEN IT'S OUT, I'LL TAKE THEIR TRAIL AGAIN!



THAT PUT OUT THE BLAZE FAST!

AND WE'D BETTER MOVE FAST, NOW THE EMERGENCY IS OVER! WE CAN GET TO THE HIDING-PLACE I THOUGHT OF, WHILE SHE'S PUTTING BACK THAT WATER-TANK!

MOMENTS LATER...

WE MADE IT BEFORE SHE GOT ON OUR TRAIL AGAIN!

AND THIS WAREHOUSE FULL OF STORAGE-BATTERIES, WITH THEIR LEAD PLATES, WILL SCREEN US FROM HER X-RAY VISION! WE'LL STAY HERE TILL SHE'S GONE!

GOTHAM STORAGE BATTERY CO.



BUT THE SUPER-BATWOMAN DOESN'T GIVE UP EASILY!

BATMAN GAVE ME THE SLIP SOMEHOW-- BUT I CAN STILL FIND HIS BAT-CAVE BY MAKING AN X-RAY SURVEY OF ALL GOTHAM CITY!



AFTER LONG HOURS OF SEARCH...

THAT'S IT-- THE BAT-CAVE! I'VE FOUND IT!



AND SOON, WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO ARRIVES...

YES, BATMAN-- I FOUND YOUR BAT-CAVE AND I KNOW WHO LIVES IN THE MANSION OVERHEAD-- YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!

BATWOMAN!



NOW I KNOW YOUR IDENTITY, I'LL FIND OUT SUPERMAN'S BEFORE MY POWERS DIS-APPEAR! YOU TWO WILL NEVER BOSS ME AROUND AGAIN!



WE'VE GOT TO GET TO METROPOLIS-- SUPERMAN WILL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GIVE HIM TO KEEP HIS SECRET FROM HER!

BUT, BATMAN-- OH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!



MEANWHILE, WITH SUPERMAN AGAIN IN HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY AT THE DAILY PLANET IN METROPOLIS...

CLARK-- LOIS! A TELETYPE FLASH THAT THE TOWN OF MOUNTAINVILLE IS THREATENED BY AN AVALANCHE!

YOU GET THE STORY, LOIS-- I'D BETTER LOCATE SUPERMAN TO HANDLE THAT THREAT!



SWIFTLY CHANGING BACK TO SUPERMAN IN AN UNUSED BASEMENT-ROOM OF THE PLANET BUILDING...

THE LEAD TYPE-METAL IN THE PRINTING-ROOMS JUST OVERHEAD WILL KEEP **BATWOMAN'S** X-RAY VISION FROM SEEING ME, IN CASE SHE'S WATCHING METROPOLIS!



IN AN EMERGENCY, THE **BATWOMAN** AGAIN DECLARES A TRUCE!

I'LL HELP YOU-- BUT AS SOON AS THE EMERGENCY IS OVER, I'LL DISCOVER YOUR IDENTITY AS I DID **BATMAN'S**!



AND BATWOMAN IS WATCHING, FOR AS THE MAN OF STEEL ZOOMS SKYWARD...

BATWOMAN, I'M ON A MISSION-- A THREATENED AVALANCHE!

I WAS SURE THAT IF I WATCHED FROM UP HERE, YOU'D SHOW UP SOONER OR LATER!



AND TWO TEMPORARY PARTNERS SPEED TO THE THREATENED TOWN...

LOOK, THE AVALANCHE HAS STARTED--THOSE BIG BOULDERS ARE ROLLING TOWARD THE TOWN!

BUT WE'RE IN TIME TO STOP THEM!



AND, IN THIS CRISIS, **SUPERMAN** IS GLAD OF A SUPER-HELPER!

THAT'S IT-- SMASH THEM UP AS FAST AS THEY ROLL DOWN ON US!

IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH!



THEN, WITH THE DANGER OF THE AVALANCHE CONQUERED...

THE TRUCE IS OFF NOW, AND I'M STAYING RIGHT WITH YOU! SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE BACK TO YOUR EVERYDAY IDENTITY!

SO THAT'S HER PLAN! SHE'S AS FAST AS I AM, BUT I'VE GOT TO SHAKE HER OFF SOMEHOW-- MUST THINK OF SOMETHING--



MEANWHILE, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN SPEED INTO METROPOLIS TO BRING A WARNING TO SUPERMAN...

THERE'S SUPERMAN NOW-- WITH BATWOMAN TRAILING HIM!

I THINK I SEE NOW THE CLEVER PLAN BATWOMAN'S USING TO LEARN SUPERMAN'S IDENTITY! I CAN'T REACH HIM WITH A WARNING, BUT WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM SOMEHOW!



THE MAN OF STEEL HAS ZOOMED TOWARD A DISTANT THUNDERSTORM!



MAYBE, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S INVULNERABLE, I CAN SCARE HER OFF MY TRAIL! BUT THIS LIGHTNING-STORM DOESN'T SEEM TO DO IT!

WHAT A WONDERFUL THRILL!

IN STILL ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FRIGHTEN OFF HIS PERSISTENT PURSUER...



BOOM! CRASH!

IT'S A NOISY PLACE, ISN'T IT-- BUT INTERESTING!

THIS DIDN'T WORK EITHER-- BUT I'VE GOT TO GET HER OFF MY TRAIL SO I CAN BECOME CLARK KENT AGAIN!

AND FLASHING AT SUPER-SPEED FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES, THE MAN OF STEEL TRIES A SUPER-SCARE!

A WONDERFUL IDEA, SUPERMAN-- TO GO OVER NIAGARA FALLS!

THIS DIDN'T FRIGHTEN HER OFF EITHER-- BUT WAIT, I'VE GOT IT! THE ONE THING THAT'S SURE TO SCARE HER OFF!



AND RETURNING TO METROPOLIS AND A STREET OF EMPTY AND CONDEMNED OLD HOUSES...



THERE ARE MICE IN THIS OLD HOUSE-- I CAN'T GO IN HERE!

BUT WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL EMERGES MILES AWAY...



BATWOMAN! BUT YOU COULDN'T SEE WHERE I WAS GOING!

NO, BUT WITH SUPER-HEARING, I COULD HEAR YOU DRILLING ALONG UNDERGROUND, AND FOLLOWED YOU EASILY!

ALL RIGHT, THEN-- I'LL WAIT YOU OUT! YOUR SUPER-POWERS WILL SOON FADE, AND THEN I CAN SHAKE YOU OFF EASILY! YOU'VE LOST!

NO, YOU'VE LOST! I'VE KEPT YOU AWAY FROM YOUR EVERYDAY-IDENTITY JOB FOR MANY HOURS--AND REMEMBER, I SAW THE CITY-BLOCK IN METROPOLIS WHERE YOU CAME FROM!



I'LL GO THROUGH THAT BLOCK, OFFICE BY OFFICE, AND FIND OUT WHO'S BEEN UNEXPLAINABLY MISSING FROM HIS JOB FOR HOURS!

SO THAT WAS HER PLAN ALL THE TIME! I'LL BE SUNK WHEN SHE FINDS OUT CLARK KENT HAS BEEN ABSENT ALL THAT TIME!

BUT WHEN THE BATWOMAN REACHES THE LAST OFFICE IN THE BLOCK, THE DAILY PLANET EDITORIAL OFFICE...

WHY, NO-- EVERYONE'S BEEN HERE THE LAST FEW HOURS-- CLARK KENT, PERRY, ALL OF US!

BUT HOW CAN CLARK KENT BE HERE WHEN I'M CLARK KENT? OH-OH-- I GET IT!



BUT A DEFEATED BATWOMAN REFUSES TO GIVE UP!

THEN I'LL CHECK THE OTHER BUILDINGS OVER AGAIN--OH, I'M FALLING, INSTEAD OF FLYING!

HER SUPER-POWERS HAVE JUST FADED AWAY!

SHE FAINTED-- BUT YOU CAUGHT HER IN TIME, **SUPERMAN!** NO REASON FOR CLARK KENT'S PRESENCE ANY LONGER!

GOOD OLD **BATMAN!** HE USED HIS DISGUISE SKILL TO MAKE UP AS CLARK KENT AND TAKE MY PLACE WHEN HE FIGURED OUT HER PLAN!

DAILY PLANET

AND AFTER A SUPER-FAST LIFT...

YES, THAT'S THE **BAT-CAVE**-- AND IN THE HOUSE ABOVE IT LIVE JOHN MARTIN AND HIS SON-- **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

NO, THAT IS A **FAKE BAT-CAVE** I DUG OUT FAST, WITH MARTIN'S PERMISSION, BEFORE I LEFT GOTHAM CITY TO THROW YOU OFF THE TRAIL! THE **REAL BAT-CAVE** I SHIELDED WITH A LEAD CEILING!

AND WHEN THE BATWOMAN COMES TO...

YOU DEFEATED MY PLAN SOMEHOW, **SUPERMAN**-- BUT ANYWAY, I DID LEARN **BATMAN'S** IDENTITY!

ARE YOU SURE? LET ME GIVE YOU AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** A LIFT BACK TO GOTHAM CITY!

AND **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE **NOT** THE MARTINS, WHO ARE UP THERE RIGHT NOW! WELL, NOW I CAN FILL UP THIS **FAKE BAT-CAVE** AGAIN!

AND I WAS SO SURE I'D SUCCEEDED! ALL RIGHT-- YOU AND **BATMAN** HAVE WON-- I'LL GO BACK HOME AND NEVER BE **BATWOMAN** AGAIN!

NO, **BATWOMAN**, WE THINK YOU'VE WON! YOU SHOWED SUCH CLEVERNESS AND COURAGE THAT I CAN'T ASK YOU TO DROP YOUR CAREER COMPLETELY. JUST BE CAREFUL!

OH, **BATMAN-- SUPERMAN--** YOU'RE DARLINGS AFTER ALL!



DEC.
NO. 91

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



AUTHORITY

WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

Featuring
**"The THREE
SUPER-SLEEPERS!"**

SUPERMAN, BATMAN
AND ROBIN-- THOSE
GREAT HEROES OF THE
PAST! BUT THIS IS THE
YEAR 2957--THEY'VE
BEEN IN SUSPENDED
ANIMATION FOR
1,000 YEARS!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

M

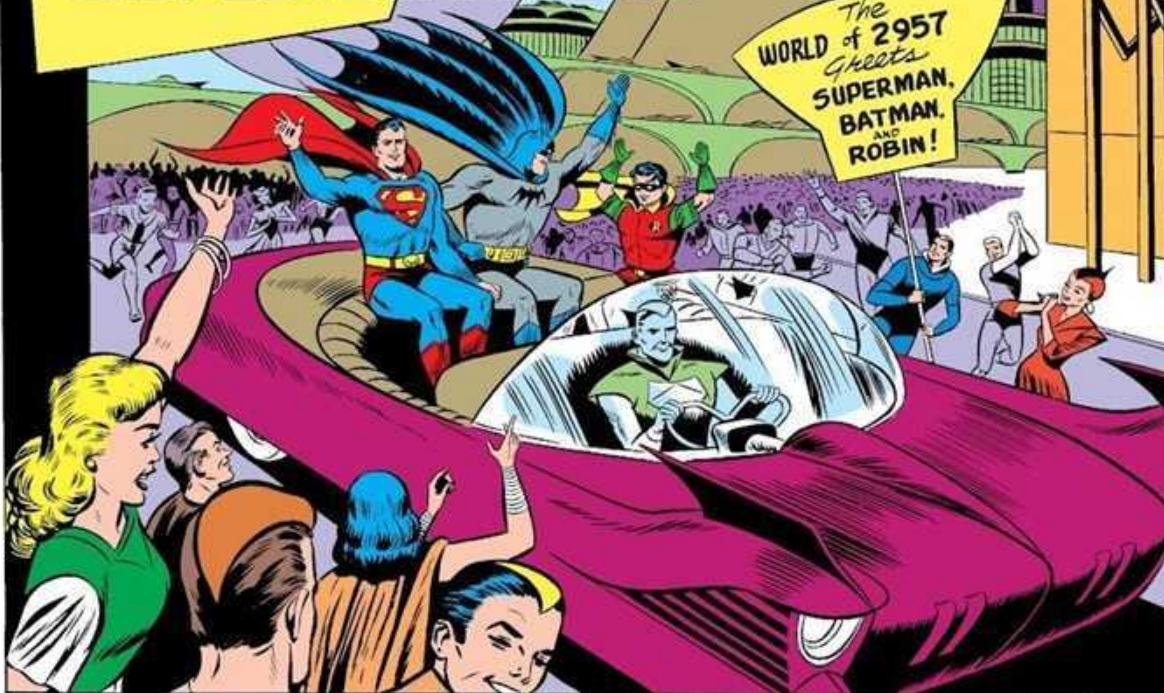
ANY ARE THE MIGHTY ADVENTURES
THAT **SUPERMAN, BATMAN** AND
ROBIN HAVE SHARED TOGETHER...
BUT NOW, THIS TERRIFIC TRIO
IS HURLED INTO THE MOST
AMAZING EPISODE
OF ALL TIME, BY
CROSSING TIME ITSELF!
FOR THE **MAN OF STEEL**
AND THE **DYNAMIC DUO**
TAKE A PERILOUS PLUNGE
INTO THE FAR FUTURE, WHEN
THEY BECOME...

IN ONE
ADVENTURE

Together!

THE THREE ***SUPER-SLEEPERS***

The
WORLD of 2957
GREETs
**SUPERMAN,
BATMAN,
AND
ROBIN!**



ONE DAY, IN THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET...

HMM... THAT ESCAPED CONVICT, RICK HARBEN, HAS BEEN SEEN NEAR **STONY MOUNTAIN!** GET ON THE STORY, CLARK!

SURE THING, CHIEF!

BUT, ONCE ALONE, REPORTER CLARK KENT SWIFTLY DOFFS THE OUTER GARMENTS THAT CONCEAL THE COLORFUL COSTUME OF-- SUPERMAN!

I'VE BEEN AFTER HARBEN FOR MONTHS... NOW'S MY CHANCE TO NAB HIM!

MEANWHILE, AT THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

LOOK... THE **BAT-SIGNAL**, BRUCE!

COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS TO SEE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! LET'S GO, DICK!

A SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB-- AND SHORTLY AFTERWARD, OUTSIDE POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

BATMAN-- RICK HARBEN'S JUST BEEN SPOTTED NEAR **STONY MOUNTAIN!**

THAT'S GOOD NEWS, COMMISSIONER... WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

BUT WHEN THE THREE LAWMEN BURST INTO THE CAVE...

WHAT--? KNOCK-OUT GAS OF SOME KIND--IT'S GETTING ME...

AND THERE'S A CHUNK OF **KRYPTONITE**-- THE ONLY SUBSTANCE THAT CAN WEAKEN ME! I'M PARALYZED-- FALLING!

THUS, AS THREE OLD FRIENDS MEET NEAR A LONELY MOUNTAIN RANGE...

SO YOU GOT THE TIP ON HARBEN, TOO, **SUPERMAN!**

YES-- AND THERE HE IS NOW, RUNNING INTO THAT CAVE! WE'VE GOT HIM TRAPPED THIS TIME!

INSTANTLY,
THE TRIO
FALLS
INTO A
DEEP
COMA...

HA, HA... BY PHONING IN
"TIPS," I LURED THEM
RIGHT INTO MY TRAP!
THEY'LL NEVER HUNT
ME DOWN AGAIN!



THE GAS AND THE KRYPTONITE WILL
KEEP THEM SLEEPING PERMANENTLY!
ONLY ONE MORE THING I WANT TO
DO NOW-- SATISFY MY CURIOSITY
ABOUT **BATMAN'S** AND
ROBIN'S SECRET
IDENTITY...



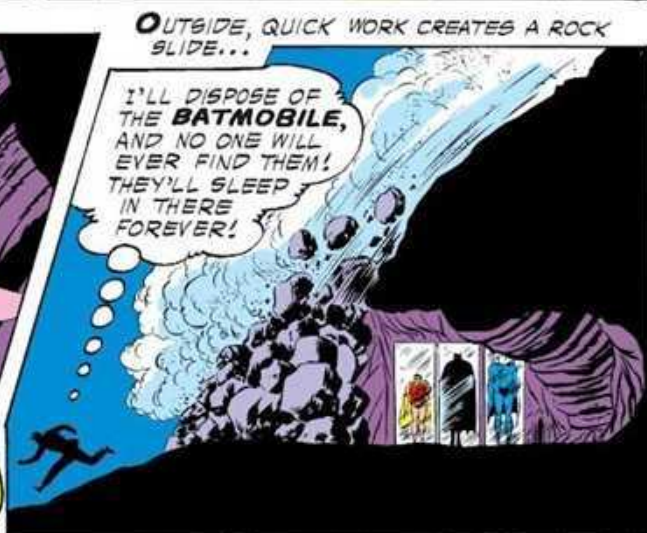
BUT, BEFORE THE GLOATING CROOK
CAN RE-OPEN THEIR CASES...

OH, OH... THERE'S STILL KNOCKOUT
GAS LOOSE IN HERE-- AND MY
OXYGEN IS RUNNING LOW!
BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!



OUTSIDE, QUICK WORK CREATES A ROCK
SLIDE...

I'LL DISPOSE OF
THE **BATMOBILE**,
AND NO ONE WILL
EVER FIND THEM!
THEY'LL SLEEP
IN THERE
FOREVER!



TIME PASSES--AND IN THE DARKNESS
OF THE SEALED CAVE, THREE FIGURES
SLEEP ON AND ON...



...TILL ONE DAY, INTO THE BURIED CAVE COME LIGHT
AND SOUND...

WE CAME HERE
SEARCHING FOR LEAD
ORE... BUT LOOK WHAT
ELSE WE FOUND! IN THOSE
GLASS CASES-- **SUPERMAN**,
BATMAN AND **ROBIN**!

INCREDIBLE! WE'D
BETTER TAKE THEM
TO THE **HALL OF
SCIENTISTS** IN
METROPOLIS, FOR
EXAMINATION!



SOON, BEFORE A PAIR OF AMAZED SCIENTISTS...

YES, THEY **ARE** THOSE GREAT HEROES OF THE PAST-- BUT THIS IS THE YEAR 2957... THEY'VE SLEPT FOR **1,000 YEARS!**

PERHAPS WE CAN REVIVE THEM, KAMAR, BY REMOVING THE KRYPTONITE AND SLEEP-GAS IN THEIR CASES!

SURE ENOUGH, THERE COMES A SHATTERING AWAKENING FOR THE GREAT TRIO...

BATMAN, IF WHAT THEY SAY IS TRUE... I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

DON'T WORRY... YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF WELL-- COME IN 2957, **SUPERMAN!** I'M LORA, ONE OF THE SCIENTISTS WHO REVIVED YOU... LET ME BE YOUR FIRST NEW FRIEND!

OF COURSE-- **YOU** COULD GET BACK TO 1957, **SUPERMAN**, BY USING YOUR **SUPER-SPEED** TO BURST THE TIME-BARRIER!

BUT I COULDN'T TAKE YOU TWO WITH ME-- AND I WON'T DESERT YOU!

WE CAN SEND YOU BACK, WITH OUR TIME-RAY APPARATUS! IT'S KEPT LOCKED UP IN THIS VERY BUILDING!

SWELL!

THEN YOU'LL BE LEAVING BEFORE I-- BEFORE WE-- EVEN GET TO KNOW YOU, **SUPERMAN!**

AS THE MAN OF STEEL ZOOMS UP TO MEET A ROBBER OF THE FUTURE...

BUT AT THAT MOMENT, A SUDDEN ALARM...

HELP! THE BLACK ROCKET-SHIP OF ROHTUL IS SWOOPING OVER METROPOLIS AGAIN!

WE HAD NO CRIME FOR CENTURIES, TILL THIS RENEGADE, ROHTUL, STARTED STEALING SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS! NO ONE CAN STOP HIM!

MAYBE **WE** CAN!

HMM... "ROHTUL" IS "LUTHOR" SPELLED BACKWARDS! COULD HE BE ONE OF LUTHOR'S REMOTE DESCENDANTS?

LOOK... THAT MAN'S **FLYING** TOWARD US! USE OUR ROCKET-JET'S FULL-POWER TO BLAST HIM!

THE JET-BLASTS DON'T HURT HIM! HE MUST BE THE **SUPERMAN** OF LONG AGO, WHOM THE TELENEWS BULLETIN SAID HAD BEEN FOUND SLEEPING!

I'LL SHAKE HIM OFF BY KNOCKING OVER THE OBSERVATORY TOWER... THAT'LL KEEP HIM BUSY!

OH, OH... CAN'T LET THIS TOWER FALL IN THE CITY STREETS!



A **S** **SUPER-STRENGTH** STEADIES THE TOPPLING STRUCTURE...

SUPERMAN KEPT THE TOWER FROM FALLING-- BUT ROHTUL IS ESCAPING!

IF WE CAN PILOT ONE OF THESE PLANES, WE CAN FOLLOW HIM!



M **I** **N** **U** **T** **E** **S** **L** **A** **T** **E** **R**...

WOW! THIS CRATE MAKES THE **BATPLANE** LOOK SLOW! BUT-- IT'S GETTING HARD TO BREATHE UP HERE...

WE CAN'T GO ABOVE THE ATMOSPHERE... AND THAT ROCKET-SHIP IS EQUIPPED TO GO HIGHER! HE'S GOTTEN AWAY FROM US!



S **H** **O** **R** **T** **L** **I** **C** **K** **I** **N** **T** **H** **E** **H** **A** **L** **L** **O** **F** **S** **C** **I** **E** **N** **T** **I** **S** **T** **S**...

WE'RE SORRY WE FAILED TO CAPTURE THAT CRIMINAL!

YOU DID ENOUGH, SAVING US FROM A GREAT DISASTER BY HOLDING UP THE OBSERVATORY TOWER! NOW, WE'LL SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR OWN TIME, AS WE PROMISED! COME...

B **U** **T** **I** **N** **A** **L** **O** **W** **E** **R** **F** **L** **O** **O** **R** **O** **F** **T** **H** **E** **G** **R** **E** **A** **T** **H** **A** **L** **L**...

WHY... THE TIME-APPARATUS IS GONE-- STOLEN! SOME OF ROHTUL'S BAND MUST HAVE STOLEN IT, WHILE HE DIVERTED OUR ATTENTION OUTSIDE!

THEN WE'RE MAROONED HERE FOR GOOD-- IN 2957!



WE'LL RECOVER THAT APPARATUS IF WE HAVE TO SEARCH THE WHOLE WORLD FOR ROHTUL!

EVERY INHABITED WORLD HAS BEEN SEARCHED WITHOUT FINDING HIS HIDDEN BASE! THAT'S BECAUSE WE KNOW LITTLE OF DETECTIVE WORK, HAVING HAD NO CRIME TILL NOW... BUT MAYBE YOU CAN FIND HIM!

As BATMAN AND ROBIN EXAMINE THE EMPTY VAULT FOR CLUES...

SINCE THERE'S NOTHING DAMAGED HERE, THIS VAULT MUST'VE BEEN ENTERED BY SOMEONE WHO KNEW THE COMBINATION!

BUT WHO COULD IT BE? HMM... I KNOW ONE SURE WAY TO FIND OUT...

IN THE MEANTIME...

EVEN IF YOU CAN'T RETURN TO YOUR OWN TIME, **SUPERMAN**, YOU'LL LEARN TO LIKE OUR WORLD OF 2957 BETTER!

IT'S WONDERFUL, LORA, BUT WE CAN'T FORGET OUR OWN TIME -- AND OUR OWN FRIENDS! THAT'S WHY WE MUST RECOVER THE TIME-APPARATUS!

LATER...

GENTLEMEN, THE WHOLE SOLAR SYSTEM IS ELECTRIFIED BY YOUR APPEARANCE AFTER 1000 YEARS! TOMORROW, THE WORLDS OF 2957 WILL STAGE A FITTING WELCOME!

IT'LL DELAY OUR SEARCH FOR ROHTUL, BUT I SUPPOSE WE CAN'T DECLINE!

AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN THE CRIMINAL'S HIDEOUT...

YES, ROHTUL, EVERY INHABITED PLANET IS SENDING CROWDS TO METROPOLIS, TO HONOR **BATMAN** AND **SUPERMAN**!

SUPERMAN, THE ENEMY OF MY GREAT ANCESTOR, **LUTHOR**! I'LL TURN THIS HONOR AGAINST HIM!

As hours pass, from MARS AND VENUS AND ALL THE WORLDS OF 2957, SHIPS ZOOM TOWARD EARTH...

... TO HONOR THE FAMOUS CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST!

THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THE PICTURES IN OUR ANCIENT HISTORY BOOKS!

IMAGINE SEEING THEM AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES!



BUT, ON THE DESERTED EDGE OF THE CITY...

WHEN THE ROBOTS HIT THOSE CROWDS, **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** WILL BE TOO BUSY TO BOTHER WITH US!

YES... THEN WE CAN GRAB THAT HYDROGEN-POWER GENERATOR, THE LAST APPARATUS WE NEED TO CARRY OUT OUR GREAT SCHEME!



ABRUPTLY, A PAGEANT OF HONOR TURNS INTO A SCENE OF PANIC...

LOOK OUT! ROHTUL HAS SET HIS GREAT ROBOTS LOOSE! RUN!

LET'S GO, **BATMAN**—BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT!

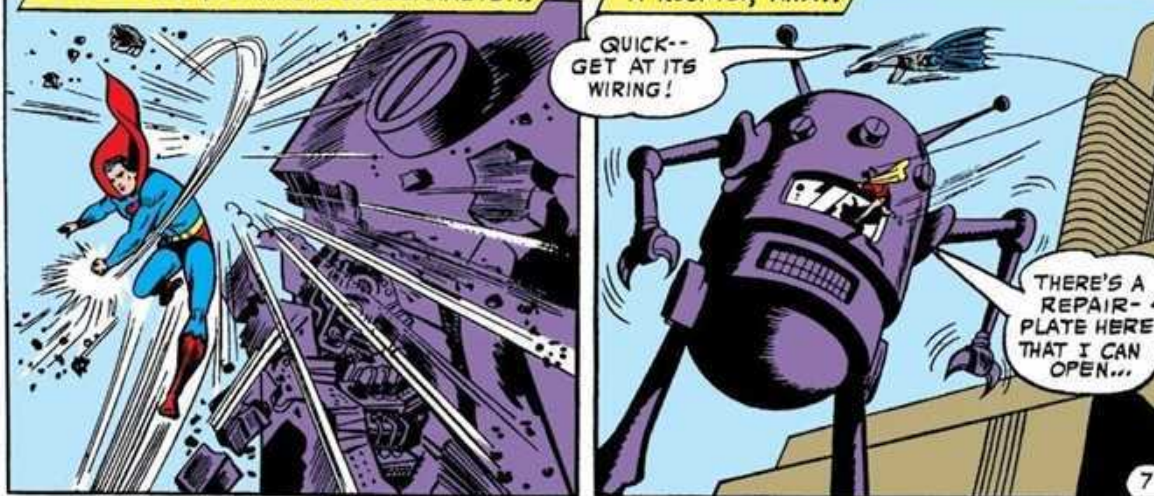


WITH A MIGHTY BLOW, **SUPERMAN** ELIMINATES ONE OF THE MECHANICAL JUGGERNAUTS...

WHILE THE DYNAMIC DUO SWINGS DOWN FROM A ROOFTOP, AND...

QUICK--GET AT ITS WIRING!

THERE'S A REPAIR-PLATE HERE THAT I CAN OPEN...





THAT DID IT!

AND JUST IN TIME... IT WAS ABOUT TO SLAP US OFF LIKE FLIES!

BUT THE CONFUSION HAS GIVEN A SCIENTIFIC ROBBER TIME TO STRIKE AGAIN...

ROHTUL USED A BIG ELECTRO-MAGNET TO SNATCH UP THE HYDROGEN-POWER GENERATOR-- ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD!

AND WE CAN'T STOP HIM!



LATER, BACK IN THE HALL OF SCIENTISTS...

ROHTUL'S SCHEME IS APPARENT NOW... THE VARIOUS MACHINES HE'S STOLEN, PUT TOGETHER, WILL FORM A **DESTRUCTION-RAY PROJECTOR** OF TREMENDOUS RANGE!

THEN WE'VE GOT TO CATCH ROHTUL BEFORE HE CAN PUT SUCH A WEAPON TOGETHER!



BUT **CAN** YOU CATCH HIM? HE STOLE THE TIME-RAY APPARATUS RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSES-- AND HAS TWICE ESCAPED YOU!

HOW CAN YOU TALK THAT WAY TO **SUPERMAN?**



SUPERMAN? HOW DO WE KNOW THESE THREE AREN'T IMPOSTORS?

HMPH... **ANYONE** CAN TELL HE'S REALLY **SUPERMAN**, THE GREATEST HERO IN HISTORY!



WHAT CLUES **DID** YOU FIND AS TO HOW ROHTUL STOLE THE TIME-RAY MACHINE, **BATMAN?**

ER-- I FOUND NO CLUE THAT WOULD LEAD US TO ROHTUL!

GOLLY... **BATMAN'S** HIDING SOMETHING HE FOUND OUT! BUT WHAT?... AND **WHY?**



THE TROUBLE IS THAT BEING FROM THE FAR PAST, WE DON'T KNOW THE SUPER-MODERN TRICKS ROHTUL USES! BUT SUPPOSE WE USED OLD 1957 TRICKS AGAINST HIM?

SUPERMAN, I THINK YOU'VE GOT IT! THOSE OLD STUNTS WOULD BE NEW TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS ERA!

SO AWHILE LATER, THE TELENEWS NETWORK CARRIES A SURPRISING BULLETIN...

SCIENTISTS KENT CLARK AND WAYNE BRUCE ANNOUNCE THE DISCOVERY OF A METHOD TO **NEUTRALIZE** ANY DESTRUCTIVE RAYS!

I DON'T KNOW THOSE TWO SCIENTISTS-- BUT THEIR DISCOVERY COULD HELP **SUPERMAN AND BATMAN** AGAINST ROHTUL'S WEAPON!

THAT NIGHT, OUTSIDE THE CITY...

THAT'S THE PLACE THE TELENEWS MENTIONED AS THE LABORATORY OF THOSE TWO SCIENTISTS!

WE'VE GOT TO GRAB THEM AND THEIR SECRET DEFENSE-INVENTION, OR THE GREAT DESTRUCTION-RAY WE'RE PLANNING WON'T BE EFFECTIVE!

INSIDE, HOWEVER...

OUR TRICK WORKED... THE **DECOY** TRICK THAT WOULDN'T HAVE FOOLED ANYONE IN OUR OWN TIME!

AND THE OLD STUNT OF HAVING SECRET IDENTITIES WORKED, TOO! NOW WE CAN SWITCH TO OUR COSTUMES AND GRAB THEM!

BUT, JUST AS THEY READY FOR ACTION...

LORA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I CAME TO SEE ABOUT THOSE TWO SCIENTISTS' INVENTION...

IT'S A TRAP! BUT WE'VE GOT LORA FOR A HOSTAGE. DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW OR STOP US!

AND A BLACK CRAFT, WITH LORA A PRISONER ABOARD, TAKES OFF SKYWARD...

CAN YOU WATCH WHERE THEY GO, WITH YOUR **TELESCOPIC VISION**?

YES-- ROHTUL'S HEADING FOR THE **MOON!** THAT'S WHERE HIS HIDEOUT IS LOCATED!

BUT IF ROHTUL'S BASE IS ON THE MOON, WITH THE POWERFUL DESTRUCTION-RAY HE'S MAKING, HE CAN TERRIFY ALL EARTH!

AND WE CAN'T GO THERE WITHOUT ENDANGERING LORA'S SAFETY!

MAYBE ANOTHER 20TH-CENTURY TRICK WILL FOOL HIM... THE TRICK OF CAMOUFLAGE!

BATMAN, YOU'VE HIT IT! I'LL GET THE CAMOUFLAGE-MATERIAL WE NEED!



AT A NEARBY SPACEPORT, THE MAN OF STEEL WORKS FAST...

PRESENTLY...



WOW! IT DIDN'T TAKE **SUPERMAN** LONG TO CARVE A HUGE BOULDER TO LOOK LIKE A METEOR!

AND IN A MINUTE HE'LL HAVE IT HOLLOWED OUT!



WHO'D EVER GUESS THAT INSIDE THIS "METEOR" IS A SMALL SPACE SHIP?

AS THE CAMOUFLAGED VEHICLE SWINGS TOWARD A DEAD, WILD WORLD...



I'LL HANDLE THE SHIP, **SUPERMAN**, WHILE YOU TRY TO FIND HIS BASE WITH YOUR **X-RAY VISION**!

I'VE **ALREADY** SPOTTED IT, INSIDE ONE OF THE CRATERS!

MOMENTS LATER, THE INNER AIRLOCK DOORS OF A HIDDEN BASE BURST OPEN...

SUPERMAN! I KNEW YOU WOULD COME!

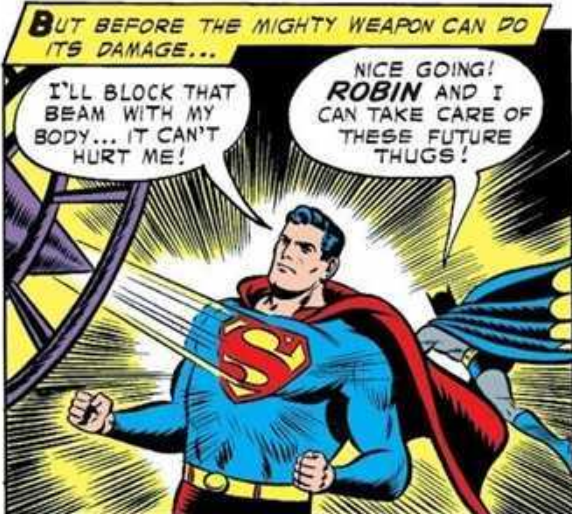
TURN THE DESTRUCTION-RAY ON THEM!



BUT BEFORE THE MIGHTY WEAPON CAN DO ITS DAMAGE...

I'LL BLOCK THAT BEAM WITH MY BODY... IT CAN'T HURT ME!

NICE GOING! **ROBIN** AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF THESE FUTURE THUGS!



A DEFT SOMERSAULT ELIMINATES ONE OPPONENT...



AND AS THE TRAPPED LEADER RAISES A WEAPON...

THAT'S IT-- GET HIM FROM BEHIND!

BEHIND ME? WHO--?



UGH-- YOU TRICKED ME!

THAT GAG WOULDN'T FOOL A TEN-YEAR-OLD IN 1957... BUT IN 2957 IT'S AS GOOD AS NEW!



LATER, WITH THE STUNNED THIEVES SECURED...

TO THINK **YOU** SAVED ME-- MY HERO FROM THE PAST!

SUPERMAN, ALL THE STOLEN APPARATUS IS HERE EXCEPT THE TIME-RAY MACHINE! **ROHTUL** DENIES HE EVER STOLE IT!



I'VE HAD A CLUE TO THAT MISSING TIME-MACHINE FOR SOME TIME... I'M SURE I CAN RECOVER IT WHEN WE GET BACK TO EARTH!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- BUT I HOPE YOU CAN! WE'VE GOT TO RETURN TO OUR TIME, WHERE WE BELONG!



AFTERWARD, BACK IN THE HALL OF SCIENTISTS...



YOU MEAN-- YOU KNEW ALL THE TIME THAT IT WAS **I** WHO TOOK AND HID THE TIME-MACHINE?

YES, LORA! YOU SEE, YOU HAVE SO LITTLE CRIME IN THIS TIME THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN MANY THINGS, LIKE **FINGERPRINTS!** YOU LEFT YOURS ON THE VAULT DOOR!

I--I ONLY DID IT BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT **SUPERMAN** TO RETURN TO HIS OWN TIME! I WANTED TO KEEP HIM HERE-- BUT NOW I SEE HE'D NEVER BE HAPPY WITH US!

I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOUR MOTIVE... THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE! I KNEW YOU WOULD COME TO THAT CONCLUSION, SOONER OR LATER!



SO, A SHORT TIME LATER...



BATMAN RECOVERED THE TIME-MACHINE, **SUPERMAN!**

ER-- LORA HELPED ME... OTHERWISE I'D NEVER HAVE FOUND IT!

AND AS THE TIME-RAY HURLS THE TRIO INTO DIMENSIONAL SPACE ...

IT'S SET TO SEND YOU BACK TO THE EXACT PLACE AND MOMENT OF TIME YOU SPECIFIED!

GOODBYE, **SUPERMAN!** I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!



A PLUNGE THROUGH NIGHTMARE BLACKNESS, AND THEN...



HUH--? I WAS LURING THEM INTO THE CAVE-- BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND ME!

THAT'S BECAUSE WE WERE SENT BACK TO A MINUTE **BEFORE** WE ENTERED HIS TRAP!

LATER, WITH THE BEWILDERED CONVICT IN JAIL...

IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM NOW! DO YOU SUPPOSE MAYBE A WHIFF OF THAT GAS MADE US **IMAGINE** WE CROSSED TIME?

COULD BE... BUT I GUESS WE'LL NEVER BE SURE! HMM... WHAT'S THIS SOMEBODY SLIPPED INTO MY CAPE-POCKET?



From Lora to Superman across 1,000 years



WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

Featuring *"The BOY from OUTER SPACE!"*

NO. 92
FEB.



LOOK! THERE GO
BATMAN AND ROBIN--
AND SUPERMAN
WITH HIS NEW
JUNIOR PARTNER,
SKYBOY!



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
AND "S" PENT. 1977

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

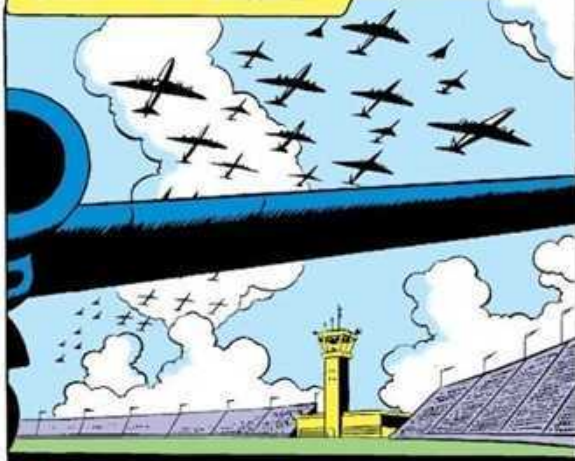
IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

BATMAN AND **ROBIN**, THE DYNAMIC DETECTIVE DUO, ARE FAMOUS AS AN INSEPARABLE TEAM-- BUT **SUPERMAN** HAS ALWAYS CARRIED ON HIS GREAT CAREER **ALONE!** FOR WHERE COULD THE **MAN OF STEEL** EVER FIND A PARTNER WHO COULD MATCH HIS AWESOME SUPER-POWERS? YET NOW, AT LAST, OUT OF THE UNKNOWN COMES A LAD WHO DOES HAVE SUCH POWERS-- AND **TWO** TERRIFIC TEAMS STRUGGLE TO SOLVE A MENACING MYSTERY, WHEN **SUPERMAN** JOINS FORCES WITH...

**THE BOY FROM
OUTER SPACE!**



IN METROPOLIS, ONE DAY, A GREAT CHARITY AIR SHOW...



...IS CLIMAXED BY SOME **SUPER** AIR-STUNTS!



AND NOW A DISPLAY OF AEROBATICS BY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, IN THEIR **BAT-PLANE**... AND BY OUR OWN **SUPERMAN**!

WOW! LOOK AT THAT!

BUT AS THE **DYNAMIC DUO** AND THE **MAN OF STEEL** WEAVE DAZZLING FLIGHT PATTERNS...

BATMAN!... WITH MY **TELESCOPIC VISION**, I JUST GLIMPSED SOME DISTANT **METEORS** FALLING! I MUST GET THERE FAST, WITHOUT PANICKING ANYONE!



IN THIS EMERGENCY COMES A **SUPER-LOUD** ANNOUNCEMENT...

FOR OUR **FINAL STUNT**-- WE'LL BOTH FLY AWAY AT **WIDE-OPEN SPEED**!



LOOK AT 'EM GO! THEY'RE LIKE TWO **BLURS** IN THE SKY!

FLASHING MILES IN A **SPLIT-SECOND**, **SUPERMAN** REACHES THE SCENE JUST IN TIME...



IT'S ONLY **ONE** **METEOR**-- AND WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE **WRECKAGE** OF A **SPACE SHIP**! AND THERE'S AN **UNCONSCIOUS BOY** IN THE **DEBRIS**!



GOT HIM! BUT-- WHO IS HE, ANYWAY?

WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE...

GREAT SCOTT! WHO'S THAT BOY, SUPERMAN?

I'M NOT SURE... WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL WE CAN QUESTION HIM!



WE'LL JUST CALL YOU **SKYBOY**, UNTIL WE FIND OUT YOUR REAL NAME AND ORIGIN! MEANWHILE, YOU'D BETTER COME WITH ME AND REST!

ROBIN AND I WILL GATHER UP THAT SPACE SHIP WRECKAGE FOR EXAMINATION, AND JOIN YOU LATER!



I GUESS I'M STRONG, TOO-- OR I COULDN'T DO THIS!

HMM... YOU'RE NOT **WHOLLY** INVULNERABLE-- OTHERWISE THAT SHOCK WOULDN'T HAVE KNOCKED YOU OUT! BUT YOU DO HAVE **X-RAY VISION** AND **SUPER-STRENGTH**! LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN USE YOUR STRENGTH TO ZOOM INTO THE SKY!



BUT, WHEN THE STRANGE YOUNGSTER REVIVES...

WH-WHERE AM I? WHO AM I?

OH, NO! WHEN THAT METEOR HIT HIS SPACE SHIP, THE BLOW MUST'VE GIVEN HIM AMNESIA!



A MOMENT AFTERWARD...

THEY'RE PICKING UP THE WRECKAGE NOW!

SKYBOY!... YOU MUST HAVE **X-RAY VISION**, TO SEE THEM THROUGH THAT ROCK! TELL ME, WHAT OTHER POWERS HAVE YOU?



ONE-TWO-THREE ... UP AND AWAY!

WHY, I **CAN** DO IT! I CAN FLY LIKE YOU!





WHAT DOES IT MEAN? DID I ALWAYS HAVE POWERS LIKE THESE?

MY GUESS IS THAT YOU'RE FROM A KING-SIZED WORLD SOMEWHERE OUT IN SPACE! ON EARTH, A SMALLER PLANET, YOU'D HAVE SUCH POWERS!

AS THEY ENTER THROUGH A WINDOW...

WHOSE APARTMENT IS THIS?

IT...ER... BELONGS TO A CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE-- REPORTER CLARK KENT! HE LETS ME KEEP SOME THINGS HERE-- AND THIS EXTRA CAPE AND "S" EMBLEM WILL FIT YOUR NEW NAME!



AS NIGHT FALLS OVER METROPOLIS...

IN THIS DARKNESS, NOBODY WILL SEE THE **BAT-PLANE** LANDING HERE ON CLARK KENT'S ROOF!

FUNNY, THOUGH... WHY HAVEN'T THE LIGHTS COME ON IN THE STREETS? SOMETHING'S WRONG, **ROBIN!**



SOON, DESCENDING TOWARD THE ROOF OF A METROPOLIS BUILDING...

YOU USED YOUR **SUPER-BREATH** TO BLOW THAT LITTLE CLOUD DOWN LOW! WHY?

IT'LL KEEP ANYONE FROM SEEING US ENTER THAT APARTMENT HOUSE-- SO CURIOUS PEOPLE WON'T BOTHER US!



MEANWHILE, WHERE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** GATHER UP THE WRECKAGE OF THE SHATTERED LITTLE SPACE SHIP...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN A SMALL ONE-MAN CRAFT... YET, WHY WOULD ONE BOY COME ALONE TO EARTH? IT'S FANTASTIC!

YES... WE'D BETTER JOIN **SUPERMAN** AND DISCUSS IT WITH HIM!



SUPERMAN WONDERS THE SAME THING, AS HE COMES RACING TO THE ROOF...

BATMAN, SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG AT THE METROPOLIS POWER PLANT! CROOKS WILL RUN RAMPANT IN THIS BLACKOUT IF I DON'T PROVIDE TEMPORARY LIGHTING!

WHY AREN'T THERE ANY LIGHTS? THE POWER'S OFF EVERYWHERE!



SECONDS LATER, IN A NEARBY JUNK YARD...



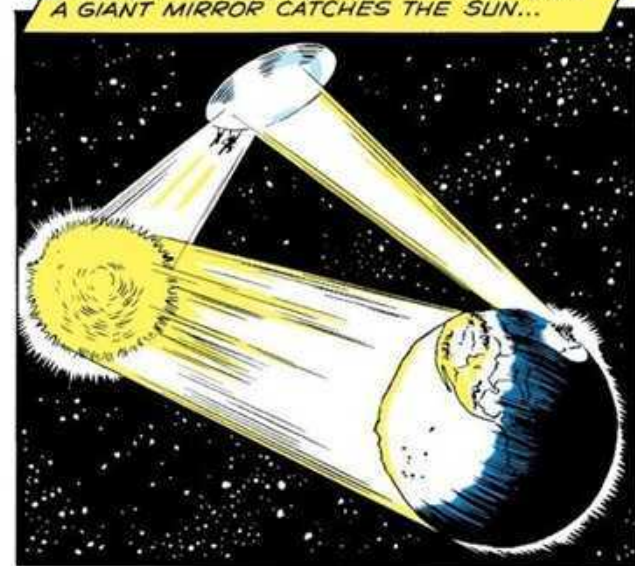
THEN, AS THEY USE **SUPER-FRICTION** TO POLISH A VAST STEEL SHEET...



ITS WORK COMPLETED, THE NEW TEAM ZOOMS SKYWARD...



SOON, FAR OUTSIDE THE STRATOSPHERE, A GIANT MIRROR CATCHES THE SUN...



...AND HURLS BRIGHT REFLECTED SUNLIGHT DOWN ON A DARKENED CITY!



IN THE MEANTIME, AT THE POWER STATION...



BATMAN,
LOOK! THERE
ARE NO LIGHTS
HERE, EITHER!

YES--
SOMETHING'S
VERY
WRONG!

MOMENTS LATER, A STUNNED ELECTRICIAN TELLS A STARTLING STORY...



IT HAPPENED A
FEW HOURS AGO...
A RAY OF SOME KIND
KNOCKED US OUT!
WHEN WE CAME TO,
ALL THE COPPER IN
THE BIG DYNAMOS
AND CABLES HAD
BEEN STOLEN!

THIS IS
INCREDIBLE...
THOSE DYNAMOS
SEEM TO HAVE
BEEN TORN OPEN
BY HUMAN
HANDS!



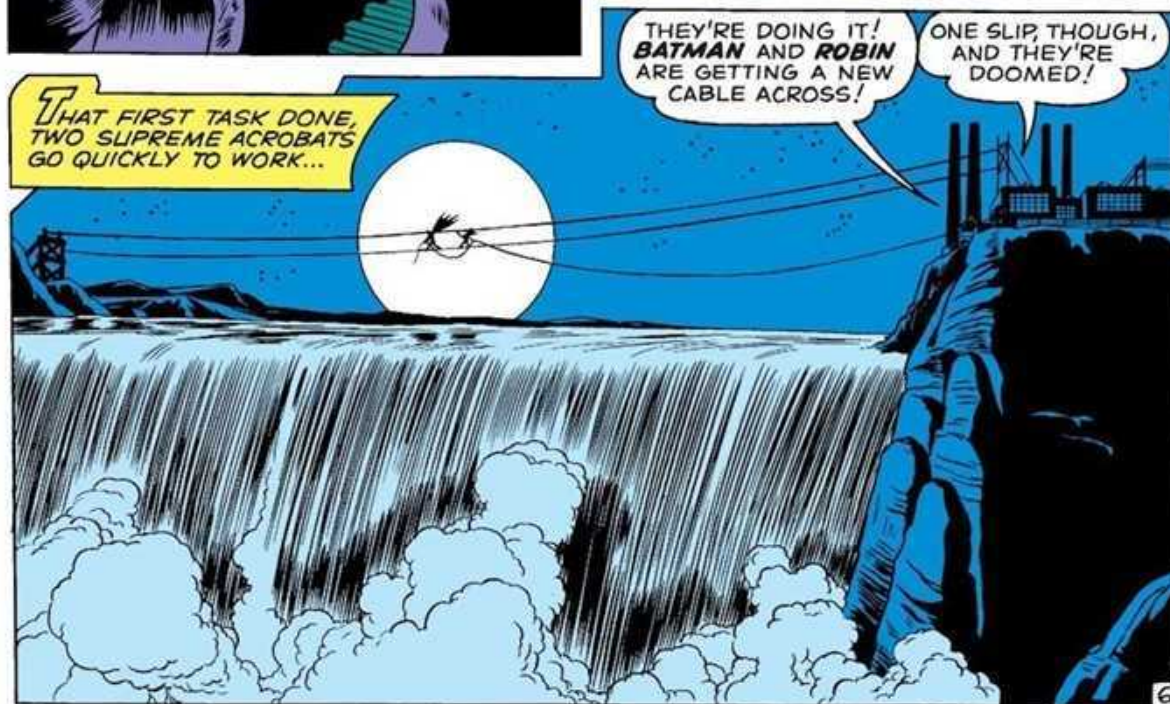
...IT WOULD TAKE
SUPER-STRENGTH
TO TEAR THIS STEEL!
AND LOOK... THERE
ARE FINGERPRINTS
PRESSED RIGHT
INTO THE METAL!

WE'LL TAKE THAT
PIECE WITH THE
FINGERPRINTS,
AFTER WE GET
THE POWER
GOING AGAIN!



WE HAVE NEW PARTS ON
THE WAY TO REPAIR THE
DYNAMOS-- BUT THE BIG
CABLES OVER THE FALLS
WERE STOLEN, TOO!
IT'LL TAKE DAYS TO
RIG NEW ONES!

MAYBE WE CAN
SPEED THINGS
UP... BUT FIRST,
WE'LL HAVE TO
CARRY LIFELINE
ROPES ACROSS
IN THE **BAT-PLANE!**



THAT FIRST TASK DONE,
TWO SUPREME ACROBATS
GO QUICKLY TO WORK...

THEY'RE DOING IT!
BATMAN AND **ROBIN**
ARE GETTING A NEW
CABLE ACROSS!

ONE SLIP, THOUGH,
AND THEY'RE
DOOMED!

YET, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THIS HAZARDOUS FEAT, ONE THOUGHT STILL PLAGUES THE DYNAMIC DUO...

SUPERMAN WOULDN'T HAVE LOOTED THE POWER STATION--AND THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WITH SUPER-POWERS IS **SKYBOY!**

I KNOW-- AND I'LL CHECK ON THAT, AS SOON AS THE POWER IS FLOWING AGAIN!

THUS, AWHILE LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-PLANE...

SKYBOY MUST'VE BEEN GRIPPING THIS BROKEN CONTROL-LEVER WHEN HE CRASHED... HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE PRESSED INTO IT-- AND THEY'RE THE **SAME** PRINTS WE FOUND ON THE DYNAMO!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! BESIDES, WHY WOULD ANYONE STEAL MERE COPPER, ANYWAY?

AND WHERE THE UNSUSPECTING SUPER-MAN HEADS HOME WITH HIS NEW JUNIOR PARTNER...

HMM... COME TO THINK OF IT, **ROBIN**, I DIDN'T SPOT ANY TRACE OF COPPER IN HIS SPACE SHIP WRECKAGE!

OF COURSE!... COPPER MUST BE A SCARCE, VALUABLE METAL ON **SKYBOY'S** WORLD! I STILL DON'T THINK **HE'S** HELPING THIEVES-- BUT WE OUGHT TO WARN **SUPERMAN!**

RACE YOU TO THE HOUSE, **SUPERMAN!**

YOU'RE ON, **SKYBOY!**

I'LL HOLD BACK MY SPEED...

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

ER--**ROBIN**, WHY DON'T YOU TELL **SKYBOY** MORE ABOUT EARTH, WHILE I DISCUSS THIS CASE WITH **SUPERMAN!**

I WON-- BUT I THINK YOU LET ME!

WHAT A YOUNGSTER! YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD **ROBIN** FOR A PARTNER... BUT NOW I HAVE A PARTNER, TOO!

HE THINKS A LOT OF **SKYBOY**... I CAN'T TELL HIM ABOUT THAT FINGERPRINT CLUE UNTIL I HAVE REAL PROOF!

AND AS BATMAN RECOUNTS THE SUPERHUMAN ROBBERY...

SUPER-POWERED THIEVES ARE STEALING COPPER, EH? THEY MUST BE FROM ANOTHER WORLD-- AND IT'S UP TO THE FOUR OF US TO CATCH THEM!

JUST AS I FEARED... IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM TO SUSPECT **SKYBOY!**

SKYBOY AND I WILL SEPARATE AND MAKE A QUICK PATROL OF PLACES THOSE COPPER-LOOTERS MIGHT HIT!

AND **ROBIN** AND I WILL LOOK FOR THEM, TOO, IN THE **BAT-PLANE!**

SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

SKYBOY'S SUCH A SWELL FELLOW-- I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D BE IN WITH THIEVES!

NEITHER CAN I-- AND YET, THERE **ARE** THOSE FINGERPRINTS!

THROUGH THE NIGHT SKIES, A GRIM SEARCH TAKES PLACE...

BATMAN, THE RADAR SHOWS A QUEER BLIP COMING UP FAST, FROM OUTSIDE **CENTRAL CITY!**

HMM...THERE'S A MINT THERE, AND MINTS USE PLENTY OF COPPER!-- WATCH THE RADAR-- I'LL TRY TO INTERCEPT WHOEVER'S CAUSING THAT BLIP!

WITHIN A FEW SHORT MINUTES...

THERE IT IS, **BATMAN**-- A SPACE SHIP! IT MUST BE THE LOOTERS!

I SEE IT-- AND I'M GOING IN!

HIGH IN THE DARKNESS, AN INCREDIBLE STRUGGLE ENSUES...

THAT MUST BE THE KNOCKOUT RAY THEY USED TO STUN THE POWER STATION MEN... IT JUST MISSED US!

I'M GOING INTO THAT SHIP! TAKE THE CONTROLS AND SWOOP LOW OVER IT, **ROBIN!**

IF I CAN JUST GET A HATCH OPEN, I'LL--OH, OH... THEY'RE STARTING TO **SPIN** THE SHIP NOW!

WE SHOOK THE EARTHMAN OFF... NOW GET OUT OF HERE FAST!

AS BATMAN PLUMMETS DOWN...

LUCKY WE WORE OUR SPECIAL **PARACHUTE-CAPIES** WHEN WE STARTED OUT IN THE **BAT-PLANE** FOR THAT AIR SHOW!

AND AS THE SUN RISES OVER THE COIN MANUFACTURING PLANT...

WE'RE TOO LATE! THE GUARDS ARE UNCONSCIOUS AND-- **SKYBOY!** WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

AS I FLEW OVER ON PATROL, I SAW THE STUNNED GUARDS AND CAME DOWN TO INVESTIGATE!

WHEN ROBIN LANDS THE PLANE...

NICE TRY, **BATMAN**-- BUT THAT SPACE SHIP WAS TOO MUCH FOR BOTH OF US! THEY GOT AWAY!

QUICK, TO THE **CENTRAL CITY MINT!**

INSIDE...

SAME THIEVES, ALL RIGHT... SILVER AND GOLD COINS ARE UNTOUCHED, BUT ALL THE **COPPER PENNIES** ARE GONE!

GOSH... COULD **SKYBOY** HAVE BEEN HELPING THEM?

ER... YOU'D BETTER ZOOM OFF AND FIND **SUPERMAN**, WHILE WE CHECK THIS CRIME, **SKYBOY!**

AND WHEN SKYBOY RETURNS WITH THE MAN OF STEEL...

SKYBOY TOLD ME HOW THEY STRUCK AGAIN! ANY CLUES HERE?

ONLY ONE... **SKYBOY'S FINGERPRINTS**-- ON THE TORN VAULT DOORS, JUST AS THEY WERE ON THOSE WRECKED DYNAMOS!

BATMAN! YOU DON'T MEAN THAT YOU SUSPECT **SKYBOY?**

I--I DON'T KNOW **WHAT** TO THINK...

TRY TO REMEMBER, **SKYBOY**... WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THOSE OTHER-WORLD THIEVES?

I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING! AND SINCE YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT ME ^{SOB} M-MAYBE I'D BETTER JUST LEAVE...

SKYBOY, WAIT! I HAVE NO DOUBTS ABOUT YOU--AND I'M SURE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FEEL THE SAME WAY! BUT THOSE FINGERPRINTS ARE A CLUE THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW UP!

IF ONLY I COULD REMEMBER! BUT I CAN'T RECALL A THING BEFORE THAT SHOCK!

BUT IT'S NOT SO EASY TO SHOCK A SUPER-YOUNGSTER...

COME WITH ME, **SKYBOY**... I'M GOING TO TRY SOMETHING!

SINCE SHOCK TOOK AWAY HIS MEMORY, A SUDDEN **NEW SHOCK** MIGHT RESTORE IT...

THESE TERRIFIC FLARES AND SOUNDS... WHAT ARE THEY?

WE CALL THEM THUNDERSTORMS, ON EARTH!

THIS DIDN'T EVEN FAZE HIM! I'LL TRY A DIFFERENT ONE!

AS THE TWO SUPER-PARTNERS FLASH TO A DISTANT REGION...

LOOK OUT!
THE VOLCANO
UNDER US
ERUPTED
UNEXPECTEDLY!

I EXPECTED IT,
BECAUSE I
KNEW IT WAS
DUE TO ERUPT!
BUT THIS DIDN'T
SHOCK HIS MEMORY
BACK EITHER!
HMM... MAYBE THE
THING THAT
SHOCKED HIM
INTO AMNESIA
WOULD KNOCK
HIM OUT OF
IT!

**UPON RETURNING TO THE FIELD
NEAR METROPOLIS...**

HITTING THIS METEOR
IN HIS SPACE SHIP WAS THE
SHOCK THAT TOOK AWAY HIS
MEMORY-- I'LL TRY IT
AGAIN...

CATCH,
SKYBOY!

THAT METEOR... IT'S
GOING TO HIT ME-- LIKE
IT DID BEFORE!

SURE ENOUGH, THIS IS THE SHOCK
THAT DOES THE TRICK...

SUPERMAN!
I REMEMBER
NOW! THIS
SAME
METEOR HIT
MY SHIP
BEFORE!

MY NAME ISN'T **SKYBOY**...
IT'S **THARN**-- AND I LIVE
ON THE PLANET **KORMO**!
MY FATHER IS A LAWMAN
THERE, AND WAS AFTER
SOME THIEVES...

"THEY WOUNDED MY FATHER
AND ESCAPED FROM HIM
IN THEIR SHIP..."

IT'S RAWL AND HIS
BANDITS! THEY'RE
GOING TO THE PLANET
EARTH, TO STEAL
COPPER, OUR RAREST
METAL! TAKE MY
SPEEDSTER,
THARN, AND
GO WARN
EARTH!

I WILL,
FATHER!

"PRESENTLY, AS I APPROACHED EARTH, USING MY FATHER'S DETECTOSCOPE..."

THEY'VE ESTABLISHED A HIDDEN BASE IN THOSE EARTH MOUNTAINS-- BUT THEY'VE SEEN ME! THEIR KNOCKOUT RAY GRAZED ME ...IT'S MAKING ME NUMB!

... AND, BEING TOO NUMB TO CONTROL THE SHIP PROPERLY, I CRASHED INTO THAT METEOR AND LOST MY MEMORY!

BUT YOU SAW WHERE THE THIEVES' BASE IS! COME ON-- I WANT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** IN ON THIS...

WHEN THEY REPEAT THE STORY TO THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS...

...AND THOSE WERE THE **THIEVES'** FINGERPRINTS, NOT MINE! YOU SEE, ON THE WORLD KORMO, **EVERYONE'S FINGERPRINTS ARE IDENTICAL!**

THAT'S THE ONE POSSIBILITY I NEVER CONSIDERED! WHAT A RELIEF... AND WHAT A PLEASURE IT'LL BE TO CAPTURE THOSE THIEVES!

SWIFTLY, FOUR FIGURES CLOSE IN ON THE OTHER-WORLD BANDITS' MOUNTAIN BASE...

CAREFUL, **SUPERMAN**... THESE MEN HAVE SUPER-POWERS, TOO!

QUICK, **ROBIN**-- WE CAN'T MATCH THEIR **SUPER-STRENGTH**, BUT IF THEIR KNOCKOUT RAY WORKED ON **SKYBOY**, IT WILL WORK ON THEM, TOO!

GOOD WORK, **BATMAN**! THAT BEAM STUNNED THEM!

OUR PART WAS EASY-- YOU AND **SKYBOY** KNOCKED THEM RIGHT INTO THE BEAM!

AND SO, A LITTLE LATER...

GOODBYE, **SKYBOY**... THOSE THIEVES WILL REMAIN UNCONSCIOUS TILL YOU GET THEM BACK TO YOUR FATHER!

SO LONG, **PARTNER**! I'LL COME BACK SOME DAY, IF I CAN!



WORLD'S FINEST

COMICS

APR.
NO. 93

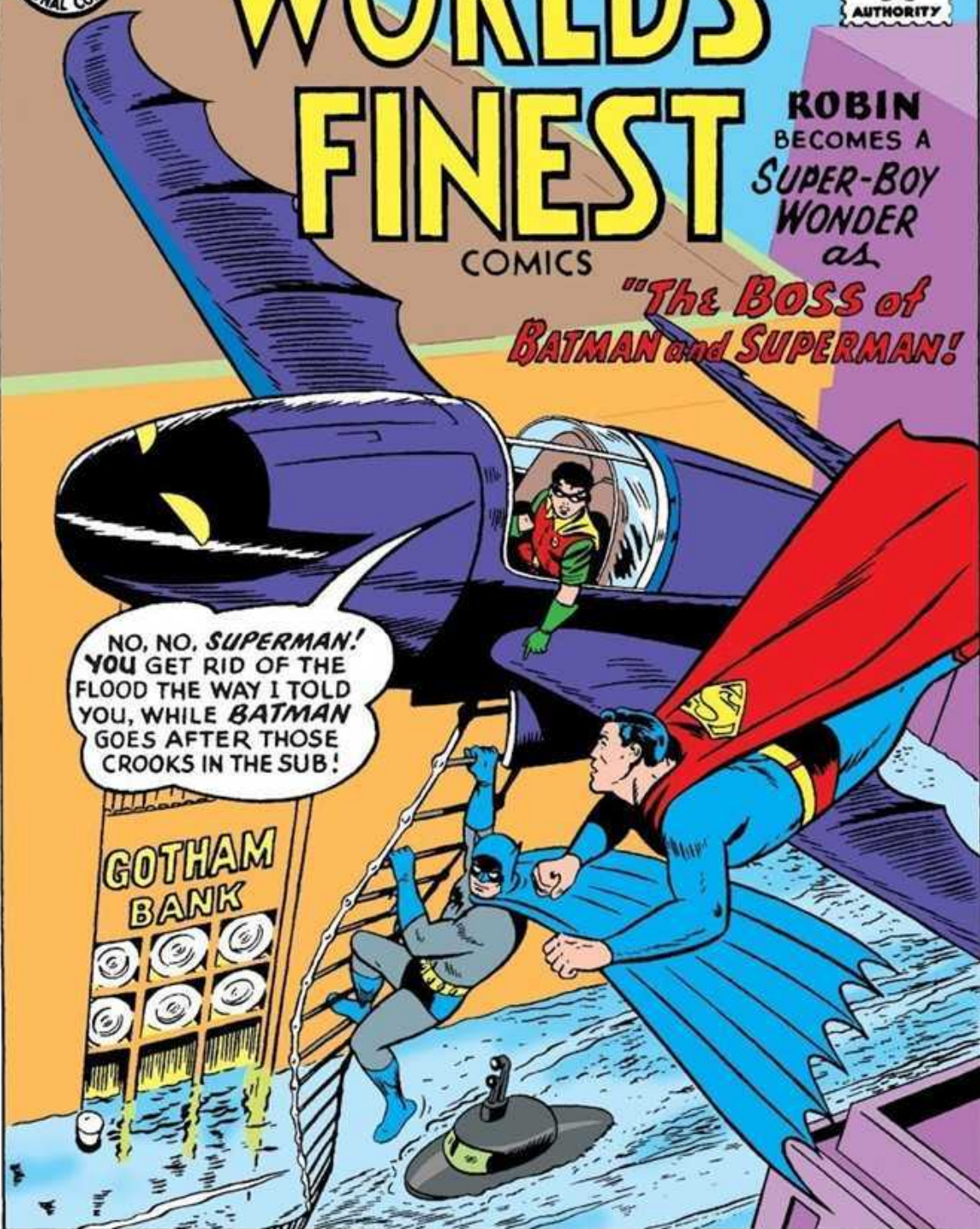
APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY

ROBIN
BECOMES A
SUPER-BOY
WONDER
as

*"The BOSS of
BATMAN and SUPERMAN!"*

NO, NO, SUPERMAN!
YOU GET RID OF THE
FLOOD THE WAY I TOLD
YOU, WHILE BATMAN
GOES AFTER THOSE
CROOKS IN THE SUB!

GOTHAM
BANK



YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

and

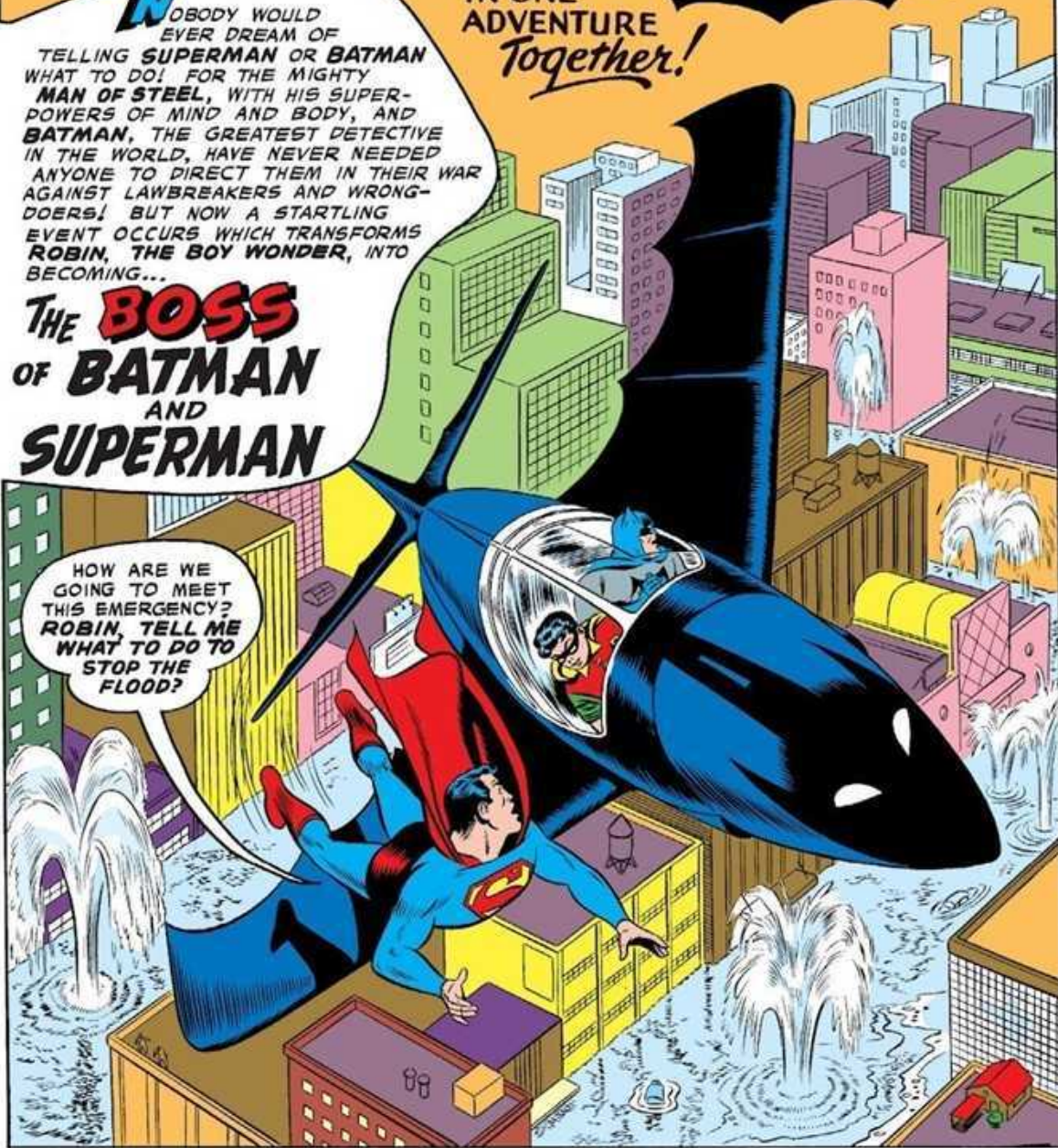
BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

NOBODY WOULD EVER DREAM OF TELLING SUPERMAN OR BATMAN WHAT TO DO! FOR THE MIGHTY MAN OF STEEL, WITH HIS SUPER-POWERS OF MIND AND BODY, AND BATMAN, THE GREATEST DETECTIVE IN THE WORLD, HAVE NEVER NEEDED ANYONE TO DIRECT THEM IN THEIR WAR AGAINST LAWBREAKERS AND WRONG-DOERS! BUT NOW A STARTLING EVENT OCCURS WHICH TRANSFORMS ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, INTO BECOMING...

THE BOSS
OF BATMAN
AND
SUPERMAN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

HOW ARE WE
GOING TO MEET
THIS EMERGENCY?
ROBIN, TELL ME
WHAT TO DO TO
STOP THE
FLOOD?



ONE DAY, IN GOTHAM CITY, DR. JOHN CARR DESCRIBES HIS LATEST EXPERIMENT BEFORE A SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY...

-- AND I BELIEVE MY "BRAIN-AMPLIFIER" COULD INCREASE ANY MAN'S MENTAL POWER 100 TIMES! BUT THERE'S ONE INGREDIENT THAT'S STILL MISSING, AND I HAVEN'T FOUND OUT YET WHAT IT IS!



ONE UNINVITED GUEST IS PRESENT-- VICTOR DANNING, CROOKED EX-SCIENTIST!

IF I HAD THAT INVENTION AND COULD FIND THE MISSING INGREDIENT, IT COULD MAKE ME SUPER-INTELLIGENT! THEN I'D BE ABLE TO LOOT THE WORLD!



LATER THAT DAY, AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, LISTEN TO A NEWS ROUND-UP...

...AND SO THE WORLD WAITS TO LEARN IF DR. CARR WILL EVER FIND THE MISSING INGREDIENT FOR HIS MACHINE!

I DON'T LIKE THIS-- SUCH AN INVENTION IS SURE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF CRIMINALS! COME ON, DICK--



IN THE BAT-CAVE UNDER THEIR MANSION, THE DUO SWIFTLY CHANGE TO BATMAN AND ROBIN!

WE'VE GOT TO WARN CARR OF THE DANGER, SO HE CAN PROTECT HIS INVENTION!

OF COURSE IT'S NOT PERFECTED YET, BUT IF A CRIMINAL LAYS HIS HAND ON IT--!



MEANWHILE, IN DISTANT METROPOLIS, AS REPORTERS CLARK KENT AND LOIS LANE OF THE DAILY PLANET READ THE BULLETIN...

THIS SCIENTIST WHOSE MACHINE COULD GIVE PEOPLE SUPER-BRAINS-- WHY NOT ASK HIM TO BRIGHTEN YOU UP, CLARK?

VERY FUNNY, LOIS--

-- AND VERY INTERESTING!



SHORTLY, IN A PLACE OF CONCEALMENT, THE MILD-MANNERED REPORTER BECOMES MIGHTY SUPERMAN!

PROBABLY BATMAN WILL TAKE CARE OF IT, BUT JUST IN CASE HE'S OUT OF TOWN, I'D BETTER ZIP DOWN AND SEE THAT THAT MACHINE IS GUARDED!



WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN REACH THE SCIENTIST'S LABORATORY...

BATMAN, VICTOR DANNING IS TRYING TO STEAL MY INVENTION! STOP HIM!

LOOK OUT, ROBIN-- HE'S GOING TO SHOOT!



A SHOT RINGS OUT--AND BATMAN FALLS...

BATMAN PUSHED ME OUT OF THE WAY, BUT THAT BULLET GRAZED AND STUNNED HIM-- IT'S UP TO ME TO GRAB THAT CROOK!

I'VE TURNED ALL THE CONTROLS BUT THIS ONE--!

BANG!

AND AS THE BOY WONDER LUNGES...

THE RAY DOESN'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON MY MIND--!

LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!

THEN, AS THE MAN OF STEEL CHARGES FORWARD, FATE TAKES A HAND!

IT'S WORKING! MY MIND--I CAN FEEL IT SURGING WITH NEW POWER...

WHAT HIT ME--? I FEEL STRANGE--

A MIXTURE OF THOSE CHEMICALS WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM ALL!

SUPERMAN, STOP HIM!

BUT BEFORE A STRANGELY SLOW SUPERMAN CAN MOVE...

THAT VAPOR-- WHAT--?

HE MIXED BROMINE AND CHLORINE COMPOUNDS -- MAKING A DEADLY COMBINATION! INHALE THE GAS, **SUPERMAN**-- BEFORE IT SPREADS! **INHALE IT!**

CRASH

AS THE INVULNERABLE MAN OF STEEL OBEYS...

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE!

NOW EXHALE THE GAS ABOVE THE STRATOSPHERE WHERE IT CAN'T HARM ANYONE, **SUPERMAN!** WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? WHY DO YOU STAND THERE?

WHAT TREMENDOUS CHANGE HAS INDEED TAKEN PLACE, NOT ONLY IN **SUPERMAN**-- BUT IN **ROBIN**?

FOR WHEN **SUPERMAN** RETURNS AFTER EXHALING THE DEADLY GAS...

I GOT RID OF THE GAS, **ROBIN**! NOW WHAT?

SUPERMAN, ASKING **ROBIN** WHAT TO DO? WHAT IS THIS?

I SAW IT ALL! MY BRAIN-AMPLIFYING RAY **WORKED**-- ON BOTH **DANNING** AND **ROBIN**! THAT CROOK AND THIS BOY HAVE **SUPER-MINDS** NOW!

BUT YOU SAID THERE WAS ONE INGREDIENT YOU COULDN'T FIND!

SUPERMAN ACCIDENTALLY PROVIDED THAT INGREDIENT WHEN HE GOT IN FRONT OF THE MACHINE'S **INTAKE-RAY**--HIS OWN **SUPER-MIND**! THE MACHINE DREW OFF **SUPERMAN'S** MENTALITY, WHICH WAS ABSORBED BY **DANNING** AND **ROBIN**!

AND THAT'S WHY **SUPERMAN** IS SLOW-THINKING NOW? OH, NO!

DANNING'S ESCAPE MEANS WE HAVE TO MAKE PLANS FAST!

MY INVENTION WORKED ONCE, BUT IT CAN'T WORK AGAIN, WITHOUT A **SUPER-MIND** TO FEED IT!

CARR LABS.

AND AS THE **NEW BOY WONDER** TAKES COMMAND...

ACCORDING TO OUR CRIME-FILE, **DANNING** ONCE SPECIALIZED IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. SO HE MAY USE HIS NEW GENIUS FOR MECHANICAL **ROBBERY**! WE MUST FIGURE OUT WHAT HE'LL STRIKE AT, AND HOW!

SOON, IN THE **BAT-CAVE**, THE GREAT TRIO HOLD THEIR MOST UNUSUAL CONFERENCE...

ROBIN, TO COMBAT THAT SUPER-CUNNING CROOK WILL TAKE A **SUPER-MIND**---AND YOU MUST PLAN OUR STRATEGY!

SURE, WE'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY, **ROBIN**!

MEANWHILE, DANNING ADDRESSES ACCOMPLICES CHOSEN TO HELP CARRY OUT HIS PLANS...

BUT HOW WILL A BIG WATER-PUMP AND THAT QUEER CAR YOU BUILT HELP US TO ROB THE GOTHAM BANK?

THAT'S THE MOST POWERFUL PUMP IN THE WORLD-- LOAD IT ON OUR TRUCK AND WE'LL PUT IT INTO ACTION!



FROM THE BAT-CAVE, MINUTES LATER, THE BATPLANE AND THE MAN OF STEEL SOAR FORTH...

I FIGURE DANNING WILL AIM FOR THE RICHEST TARGET IN TOWN-- THE GOTHAM BANK! BATMAN AND I WILL HOVER OVER IT WHILE YOU, SUPERMAN, SEARCH FOR HIM!

IF HE'S DOWN THERE, I'LL FIND HIM FOR YOU, ROBIN!



THE JETS FROM THE MAINS HAVE VARYING HEIGHTS AND PRESSURES. CALCULATING FROM THEM, THE PUMP THAT DRIVES THEM MUST BE ON THE WATERFRONT ABOUT 18th STREET! YOU GET THERE FAST AND DEAL WITH IT, SUPERMAN!



SURE-- BUT-- ER-- HOW SHALL I DEAL WITH IT?

AND SOON, HIDDEN UNDER A PIER ON THE CITY WATERFRONT...

I STILL DON'T GET IT-- YOU CONNECTED THE PUMP BOTH TO THE OCEAN AND TO THE CITY WATER-MAINS!

WAIT TILL I START IT PUMPING AND YOU'LL SEE!



BUT...

ROBIN! THE DOWNTOWN STREETS ARE FLOODED! BUT HOW--?

ONLY A SUPER-PUMP COULD FORCE WATER INTO THE MAINS LIKE THAT! IT MUST BE DANNING'S WORK! I'VE GOT TO CALCULATE ITS LOCATION!



STOP THE PUMP-- THEN REVERSE IT, AND USE YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH TO PUMP ALL THIS WATER BACK OUT OF THE CITY!

I'LL DO IT, ROBIN!





UP...UP AND AWAY!

IT'S TERRIBLE--
SUPERMAN'S
INABILITY TO
THINK FAST!

WHAT I CAN'T
UNDERSTAND IS
HOW THIS FLOOD
COULD PROFIT
DANNING?



THE ANSWER TO THAT IS ALREADY UNDER WAY!

WITH OUR DIVING SUITS
AND THIS SUBMARINE CAR,
WE CAN LOOT THE FLOODED
BANK WITHOUT ANYONE
EVEN KNOWING!

WHAT
A SCHEME!
YOU **ARE** A
GENIUS,
DANNING!



BUT THE MAN OF STEEL, THOUGH HE IS NO LONGER SUPER-SMART, IS STILL SUPER-STRONG...

ROBIN SAID TO
STOP IT, AND THE
EASIEST WAY IS TO
TEAR THIS PUMP WIDE
OPEN!



AND, BENDING MASSIVE STEEL WITH HIS BARE HANDS...

NOW THAT I'VE
REVERSED IT,
I'LL SOON PUMP
THAT WATER
OUT!



ROBIN'S RUSE WORKS, FOR...

DANNING, THE
WATER'S **DROPPING!**
AND THERE'S
THE **BAT-PLANE**
OVERHEAD!

THAT
BRAT MUST
HAVE FIGURED
OUT MY PLAN!
WE'D BETTER
GET OUT OF
HERE!



AS THE WATER SWIFTLY RECEDES...

THAT SUBMARINE-CAR MUST
BE PART OF DANNING'S PLAN--
AND IT'S GOING TO ESCAPE
UNDERSEA, **BATMAN!**
AFTER IT!

OUR
BAT-PLANE
CAN
FUNCTION
UNDER-
WATER,
TOO!

BUT SUPERMAN, TOO, JOINS THE ACTION...

THAT CAR! MY X-RAY VISION ENABLES ME TO SEE DANNING IN IT! HERE'S WHERE I GRAB HIM FOR ROBIN!

PULL UP, BATMAN, OR WE'LL DIVE INTO SUPERMAN!

AS THE MAN OF STEEL REACHES FOR THE FLEEING VEHICLE...

WHY, THEIR LITTLE MISSILE HAS PARALYZED ME---

OUR KRYPTONITE TORPEDO STOPPED HIM--- BUT WE'D BETTER GET AWAY WHILE BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE FISHING HIM OUT!

AFTER BATMAN HAS DIVED AND HAULED OUT SUPERMAN...

I REMOVED THE KRYPTONITE FROM HIM-- HE'S ALL RIGHT NOW!

THEY ESCAPED-- BECAUSE OF ME! I'M SORRY, ROBIN!

SOON, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

WITH DANNING LOOSE, GOTHAM CITY IS IN TERRIBLE DANGER-- WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIS HIDEOUT AND CATCH HIM, **FAST!**

WHILE MILES AWAY, ANOTHER MEETING IS HELD...

ROBIN HAS SUPER-BRAINS NOW, TOO--- AND WILL BLOCK EVERYTHING I DO UNLESS HE'S BEATEN! WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIS SECRET HEADQUARTERS, THE **BAT-CAVE!**

BUT NOBODY HAS EVER FOUND THE **BAT-CAVE!**

NOBODY WITH **MY** MENTAL POWER EVER TRIED! LISTEN, I WANT YOU TO BURY STICKS OF DYNAMITE IN DEEP ROCK OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY, AND THEN SET THEM OFF!

SOON, AS THE PLAN GOES INTO WORK...

YOU MEAN-- THE SHOCK WAVES FROM THE EXPLOSIONS CAN SHOW WHERE THE BAT-CAVE IS?

YES, WHEREVER THERE'S A CAVE, THE WAVE TRAVELS AT DIFFERENT SPEEDS--- AND THAT'LL SHOW UP A BIG CAVE LIKE THE BAT-CAVE ON MY RADAR-SEISMOGRAPH!



EXPLOSIONS? THEIR SHOCK-WAVES COULD REVEAL THE BAT-CAVE'S LOCATION! QUICK, SUPERMAN, BREAK UP THE WAVES' PATTERN BY DRILLING THROUGH SOLID ROCK!



I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT I'LL DO IT!

BAH! ANOTHER DISTURBANCE HAS SCRAMBLED THE WAVES! IT'S NO ACCIDENT-- ROBIN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!



MEANWHILE...

WHAT'S THAT TREMOR IN THE CAVE-WALLS?

SOUNDS LIKE SOME EXPLOSIONS!



HOW DID I DO, ROBIN?

SWELL, SUPERMAN! NOW HERE ARE SPECIAL BINOCULARS I MADE THAT WILL MAGNIFY YOUR X-RAY VISION!





YOU CAN OBSERVE FOR MILES AROUND TO LOCATE DANNING! AND IF ANY PLACE IS SHIELDED BY LEAD, INVESTIGATE IT!

I WILL!



As **SUPERMAN** SOARS OVER THE CITY...

HA, HA-- **SUPERMAN'S** LOOKING FOR US! BUT WITH THIS HIDE-OUT SHIELDED WITH LEAD, HE CAN'T SPOT US!

ROBIN MUST'VE TOLD HIM TO INVESTIGATE ANY SUSPICIOUS LEAD-SHIELDED BUILDING! WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!

AND AFTER A SIGN IS HURRIEDLY PAINTED...



THERE, IT'S UP! GET BACK DOWN, FAST!

**GOTHAM CITY
LEAD
COMPANY**



THE LEAD LINING OF THAT BUILDING BLOCKS MY X-RAY VISION--- BUT IT'S A LEAD COMPANY, SO THERE'S NOTHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THAT! HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING!



YOU SURE OUT-THOUGHT **ROBIN** THAT TIME!

AND WITH ONE OF THESE FLYING-MICROPHONES I MADE, THAT I CAN OPERATE BY REMOTE CONTROL, I'LL BE ABLE TO EAVESDROP ON THEM TILL I FIND OUT WHERE THE **BAT-CAVE** IS!



I COULDN'T SEE DANNING ANYWHERE, **ROBIN**! I MUST HAVE MISSED HIM SOMEHOW---

DON'T WORRY, **SUPERMAN**! I'LL BUILD A SUPER X-RAY CAMERA THAT'LL LOCATE HIM FROM THE **BAT-PLANE**!

BUT AS THEY START BACK TO THE BAT-CAVE...



ROBIN,
THAT TINY
GADGET IS
FOLLOWING
US!

FROM
ITS
DESIGN,
I'D SAY
IT'S A FLYING
MICROPHONE!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF
IT, **ROBIN**-- YOU GO
ON AHEAD AND
MAKE THAT
SUPER X-RAY
CAMERA!



I SMASHED IT,
ALL RIGHT!

SUPERMAN
DOESN'T REALIZE
HE GAVE AWAY MY
X-RAY CAMERA
PLAN-- DANNING
WOULD HAVE OVER-
HEARD HIM AND
MUST HAVE OTHER
FLYING MICRO-
PHONES, ANYWAY!

LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

MY SUPER-MIND USING
SUPERMAN'S SUPER-POWERS
CAN'T CATCH DANNING! IF **SUPERMAN**
HAD HIS OWN INTELLIGENCE AGAIN,
HE COULD DO IT--- IT'S MY
FAULT!

DON'T
BLAME
YOURSELF
FOR THAT
ACCIDENT,
ROBIN!

I'M GOING WITH **SUPERMAN**
TO CHECK SOMETHING ABOUT
DR. CARR'S MACHINE! ER--
WILL YOU SEE IF COMMISSIONER
GORDON COULD CHECK ON
SUSPICIOUS HIDEOUTS?

WHY... ALL
RIGHT,
ROBIN!



I KNOW WHAT **ROBIN'S**
PLANNING TO DO! I CAN'T
LET HIM-- H-M, THERE'S
ONE WAY---



LOOK, THERE GOES
BATMAN--
TOWARD POLICE
HEADQUARTERS!

I WANT EVERYONE IN TOWN TO
KNOW I'M GOING THERE---
INCLUDING DANNING!

IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...



YOU SAY DR. CARR'S MACHINE MIGHT BE MADE TO WORK AGAIN ON YOU, BATMAN?

YES, AND THEN THERE'LL BE TWO OF US WITH SUPER-MINDS AGAINST DANNING AND WE CAN OUTMATCH HIM! I'VE GOT TO GO NOW---

THAT'S ONE OF DANNING'S FLYING MICROPHONES--- HE'S EAVESDROPPING, ALL RIGHT!

DID YOU HEAR THAT? TWO SUPER-MINDS---

ROBIN MAY HAVE FIGURED SOME WAY TO USE CARR'S MACHINE AGAIN! WE MUST GET IT BEFORE IT CAN BE USED ON BATMAN!



I--I'M WILLING TO MAKE THAT SACRIFICE! I SENT BATMAN AWAY BECAUSE I KNEW HE'D OBJECT! I'LL GET THE MACHINE READY!

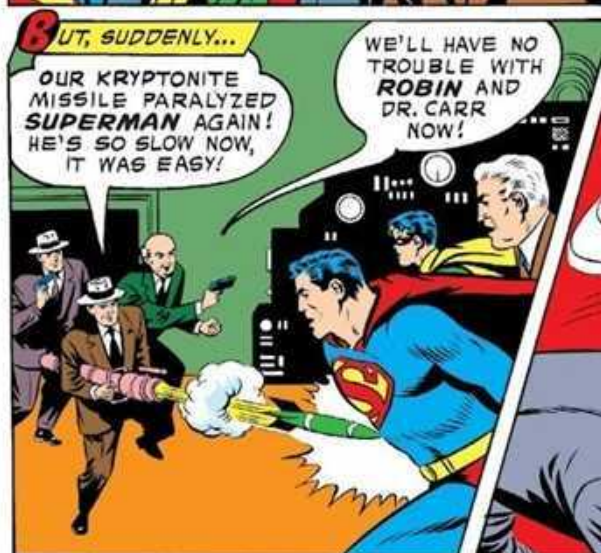


LATER, WHEN ROBIN AND SUPERMAN REACH DR. CARR'S LABORATORY...



...SO YOUR MACHINE WILL RESTORE SUPERMAN TO HIS FULL MENTAL POWER--- BY DRAWING POWER FROM ME!

BUT, ROBIN-- THAT'LL LEAVE YOU SLOW AND DULL!



BUT, SUDDENLY...

OUR KRYPTONITE MISSILE PARALYZED SUPERMAN AGAIN! HE'S SO SLOW NOW, IT WAS EASY!

WE'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH ROBIN AND DR. CARR NOW!

BUT THE "SCIENTIST" ABRUPTLY EXPLODES INTO ACTION!



POW!

AFTER THE THREE HAVE BEEN SUBDUED...

YOU CAN'T BE DR. CARR! SO YOU MUST BE--

BATMAN, USING SOME OF MY DISGUISE TRICKS! WHILE I REMOVE THIS MAKE-UP, I'LL EXPLAIN!

I GUESSED WHAT YOU WERE PLANNING, SO I LURED DANNING HERE BY LETTING HIM OVERHEAR ME TALK TO COMMISSIONER GORDON! WHEN I LEFT GORDON, I HURRIED HERE AND DISGUISED MYSELF AS DR. CARR!

BUT I STILL MUST GIVE **SUPERMAN** BACK HIS FULL MENTAL POWER!

WE WILL, **ROBIN**-- BY TAKING EXCESS MENTAL POWER FROM YOU **AND** DANNING! THAT WILL RETURN YOU BOTH TO NORMAL AND GIVE **SUPERMAN** BACK HIS SUPER-MIND!

ONCE MORE, A POTENT MACHINE FUNCTIONS...

...AND EFFECTS A MIGHTY CHANGE!

WHY... I FEEL AS THOUGH I'D BEEN HALF-ASLEEP AND JUST WOKE UP AGAIN! I FEEL -- LIKE **MYSELF**!

AND I'VE **LOST** MY SUPER-MIND, LIKE DANNING-- AND I'M GLAD OF IT!

I'LL TAKE THESE THREE ALONG TO JAIL!

GOSH, IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE **SUPERMAN** LIKE HE WAS!

AND TO HAVE **YOU** THE SAME AGAIN! ANYWAY, YOUR SUPER-MIND WAS GIVING ME AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX!



JUNE
NO. 94



WORLD'S FINEST

Exclusive

HOW THE WORLD'S
GREATEST HEROES
MET!

COMICS

**"The ORIGIN of the
SUPERMAN-BATMAN TEAM!"**



GOSH, BATMAN,
IS THAT THE
MIGHTY
SUPERMAN?

YES, ROBIN, BUT
THEY'RE SPRAYING HIM
WITH LIQUID KRYPTONITE
THE ONLY SUBSTANCE THAT
CAN DESTROY HIM! WE'VE
GOT TO HELP HIM!

YOUR TWO FAVORITE HEROES

SUPERMAN
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

and

BATMAN
AND
ROBIN

IN ONE
ADVENTURE
Together!

THE MIGHTIEST TEAM
IN THE WORLD-- THAT'S THE
PARTNERSHIP OF **SUPERMAN**
WITH **BATMAN AND ROBIN!** TIME
AND AGAIN THEY'VE JOINED FORCES
TO MEET A GREAT CRISIS! BUT
WHAT WAS THE VERY FIRST MEETING
OF THE FAMOUS CHAMPIONS? THAT
HAS NEVER BEEN TOLD UNTIL NOW,
WHEN NEW DANGER REVEALS THE
DRAMATIC STORY OF...

**THE ORIGIN
OF THE
SUPERMAN-
BATMAN
TEAM**

BUT, **SUPERMAN**,
WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER
SO MANY TIMES!

THAT'S ALL OVER
NOW, **BATMAN!**
POWERMAN IS
MY NEW
PARTNER!



ONE NIGHT, IN THE GOTHAM CITY MANSION OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

AND HERE'S A BULLETIN FROM METROPOLIS! LUTHOR, THE SCIENTIFIC GENIUS OF CRIME, HAS ESCAPED FROM PRISON!

OH, OH-- THAT MEANS TROUBLE AHEAD!

LUTHOR ALWAYS BOASTED THAT SOME DAY HE'D HAVE HIS REVENGE ON BOTH SUPERMAN AND METROPOLIS!

LET'S NOT WASTE TIME, DICK-- WE'RE GOING TO METROPOLIS!



AND IN THE BAT-CAVE UNDER THE MANSION, THE TWO SWIFTLY CHANGE TO-- BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...

SUPERMAN MAY NEED OUR HELP IF LUTHOR USES KRYPTONITE FOR HIS VENGEANCE!

YES---KRYPTONITE WEAKENS SUPERMAN, BUT IT DOESN'T AFFECT ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE US!



A SWIFT RIDE BY BATMOBILE BRINGS THEM WITHIN A FEW HOURS TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...

SUPERMAN WILL SEE OUR IMPROVISED BAT-SIGNAL AND COME HERE-- THEN WE'LL PLAN HOW TO DEAL WITH LUTHOR!

THERE HE COMES NOW-- BUT SOMEONE'S WITH HIM!



HELLO, SUPERMAN! WE FIGURED YOU MIGHT NEED HELP IF LUTHOR USED KRYPTONITE!

THANKS, BATMAN-- BUT MY NEW PARTNER, POWERMAN, WILL HELP ME, IF NECESSARY--



-- WHICH RELIEVES YOU! AND---ER--- POWERMAN DOESN'T WANT ANY MORE PEOPLE ON OUR TEAM!

SUPERMAN AND I CAN HANDLE THIS JOB BY OURSELVES!









THEY'RE GETTING AWAY, BATMAN!

WE DAREN'T RISK FORCING IT TO CRASH IN THE STREETS-- WE'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW!



"SUDDENLY, ACROSS THE SKY STREAKED AN INCREDIBLE FIGURE!"

BATMAN LOOK--IT'S HIM--SUPERMAN!



FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE SAW SUPERMAN IN ACTION!

THERE HE COMES-- GET THE GUN READY!

YOU KNOW THAT GUNS DON'T STOP ME!



BUT THIS GUN WILL! IT SHOOTS LIQUID KRYPTONITE!



TO OUR ASTONISHMENT, WE SAW SUPERMAN FALL HELPLESSLY!

BATMAN, WHAT'LL WE DO?

WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT HIM FROM FALLING INTO THE CROWDED STREETS--



"I SENT THE BAT-PLANE INTO A SCREAMING POWER-DIVE..."

GOT HIM!

AND JUST IN TIME -- HE'S INVULNERABLE, BUT IF HE FELL INTO THE CROWD BELOW, HE'D INJURE MANY PEOPLE!

THOSE THIEVES ESCAPED WHILE WE DIVED TO CATCH **SUPERMAN**!

BATMAN, I CAN'T ROUSE HIM! PUT ON THE AUTOMATIC PILOT, AND HELP ME!

HE'S SPATTERED WITH THAT **KRYPTONITE** SOLUTION! WE'VE GOT TO GET IT OFF HIM FAST, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW!

"WE RIGGED A ROPE SLING AND THEN, ZOOMING TOWARD A NEARBY WATERFALL..."

THIS SHOULD WASH EVERY PARTICLE OF **KRYPTONITE** OFF HIM!

HE'S STIRRING, **BATMAN**!

PRESENTLY...
BATMAN! I'VE HEARD OF ALL YOUR GREAT FEATS! YOU CAME IN THE NICK OF TIME!

BUT WE WERE TOO LATE TO WARN YOU OF THE **KRYPTONITE** DANGER!

WE'RE IMMUNE TO **KRYPTONITE**, SO WE CAN HELP YOU AGAINST THOSE CROOKS, IF YOU WISH!

IF I WISH? IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO WORK WITH **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!

SUDDENLY, BATMAN'S RECOLLECTION OF THEIR HISTORIC MEETING IS INTERRUPTED...

WE DIDN'T KNOW **SUPERMAN** WAS SECRETLY REPORTER CLARK KENT, ANY MORE THAN HE KNEW **OUR** IDENTITY! BUT WE BECAME PARTNERS, AND--

BATMAN, SUPERMAN'S FOUND SOMETHING! MAYBE IT'S LUTHOR!

THERE'S GAS LEAKING FROM A LOOSE MAIN UNDER THE BUILDING! IT'LL EXPLODE AT THE FIRST SPARK--



THERE'S NO ONE IN THE BUILDING. I'LL LIFT IT AND LET THE GAS DISSIPATE! **POWERMAN** CAN TIGHTEN THE LOOSE PIPE!

POWERMAN IS MAKING THE REPAIR! HE MAY NOT HAVE SUPERPOWERS, BUT HE'S STRONG!

MAYBE HE'S A PROFESSIONAL STRONG-MAN... BUT WHY WOULD **SUPERMAN** CHOOSE HIM?



IT'S SAFE NOW! WE'VE GOT TO GO ON LOOKING FOR LUTHOR!

I'M RIGHT WITH YOU!

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY **SUPERMAN** WOULDN'T LET US HELP HIM SEARCH FOR LUTHOR, TOO.

IT WAS **POWERMAN** WHO OBJECTED TO US! IF WE FIND OUT WHO HE IS, WE MAY LEARN THE REASON!



WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WATCH FROM A DISTANCE IN OUR **FIRST ADVENTURE** WITH **SUPERMAN!** WE WENT AFTER THOSE **KRYPTONITE-USING** CROOKS TOGETHER...



"YES, HIS AMAZING SIGHT HAD PENETRATED AN ASTOUNDING CAMOUFLAGE!"



YOU MEAN-- THAT OLD WINDMILL IS THE HELICOPTER?

CUNNING, ISN'T IT? LET'S GO INSIDE-- NO ONE'S IN THERE, SO THE FARMHOUSE MUST BE THEIR BASE!

FIGURING YOU WERE KNOCKED OUT BY **KRYPTONITE**, THEY WERE SURE NO ONE ELSE COULD SEE THROUGH THE DISGUISE!

I CAN SEE THEM IN THAT FARMHOUSE, WITH THEIR LOOT AND THAT **KRYPTONITE-GUN!**

THAT **KRYPTONITE** WILL ENDANGER YOU! LET US GO IN AFTER THEM!

NO, YOU TWO WATCH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOUSE SO THEY DON'T SLIP AWAY! I'LL WAIT HERE AND CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE WHEN THEY TRY TO USE THE 'COPTER AGAIN!



"BUT WHEN WE CREEPT AROUND BEHIND THE HOUSE **SUPERMAN'S** REASON FOR RESTRAINING US BECAME APPARENT..."

"...AND WHAT A THRILL IT WAS TO GO INTO ACTION WITH **SUPERMAN!**"



WE'VE SEARCHED METROPOLIS AND HAVEN'T FOUND ANY HANGAR WHERE THAT HELICOPTER IS HIDDEN!

LET'S LAND-- MY X-RAY VISION DETECTS SOMETHING!

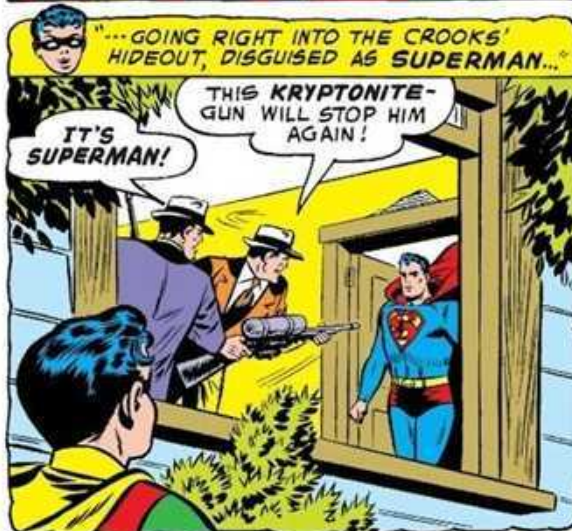


THEY'VE GOT A MACHINE-GUN, AS WELL AS THE **KRYPTONITE-GUN!** **SUPERMAN** WAS AFRAID WE'D BE HURT!

THAT'S WHY HE SENT US HERE! HE DOESN'T WANT TO ENDANGER US!









BATMAN! I'D NEVER HAVE LET YOU TAKE THE RISK IF I'D KNOWN!

THE BLUFF WORKED, THOUGH! WE'VE ROUNDED THEM UP!



"LATER, WHEN WE PARTED..."

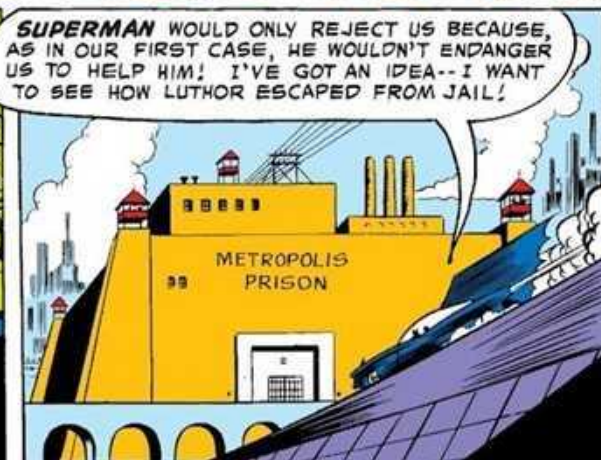
I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW WE WORKED TOGETHER, **BATMAN**-- BUT I NEVER WANT YOU TO RISK YOUR LIFE FOR ME AGAIN!

MAYBE YOU CAN PAY BACK THE FAVOR SOME DAY, **SUPERMAN!**



AND NOW THAT'S HOW HE REPAYS YOU-- CASTING YOU OFF FOR THIS **POWERMAN!**

ROBIN, YOU JUST REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING THAT SUGGESTS **WHY** **SUPERMAN** HAS BEEN ACTING THIS WAY!



SUPERMAN WOULD ONLY REJECT US BECAUSE, AS IN OUR FIRST CASE, HE WOULDN'T ENDANGER US TO HELP HIM! I'VE GOT AN IDEA-- I WANT TO SEE HOW **LUTHOR** ESCAPED FROM JAIL!

4 AND, SHORTLY AFTER, IN THE METROPOLIS PRISON...



SUPERMAN ASKED ME NOT TO TELL ANYONE, BUT, OF COURSE, THAT WOULDN'T INCLUDE YOU, **BATMAN!** **LUTHOR** SECRETLY MADE A DESTRUCTIVE RAY DEVICE, AND CUT RIGHT OUT THROUGH THE WALL!

I SEE BITS OF **SILICON** WERE LEFT, SO HIS RAY DIDN'T AFFECT THAT ELEMENT!



BECAUSE **LUTHOR'S** RAY COULD DESTROY US, **SUPERMAN** WOULDN'T LET US HELP! BUT I KNOW HOW WE STILL CAN!

I DON'T GET IT! IF HE WOULDN'T ENDANGER US, WHY WOULD HE IMPERIL **POWERMAN?**

SHORTLY, AS SUPERMAN AND HIS NEW ALLY CLOSE IN ON LUTHOR'S HIDEOUT...

THAT'S LUTHOR'S RAY, WHICH HE'LL USE TO TAKE REVENGE ON METROPOLIS! BUT IT CAN'T HURT ME! I'M GOING IN!

BUT LUTHOR WILL USE **KRYPTONITE** ON YOU, **SUPERMAN**-- SO **WE'RE GOING IN INSTEAD!**

METROPOLIS
WAREHOUSE
COMPANY

BATMAN!
THAT RAY WILL
DESTROY
YOU---

I LEARNED THAT IT DOESN'T AFFECT SILICON, SO I IMPROVISED SOME SILICON SHIELDS! COME ON, **ROBIN!**

METROPOLIS
WAREHOUSE
COMPANY

AND BEFORE SUPERMAN CAN STOP THEM...

THEIR SHIELDS
DEFLECT THE RAY,
BUT OUR **KRYPTONITE**
WILL STOP **SUPERMAN!**

YOU WON'T
GET A CHANCE
TO USE IT,
LUTHOR!

I'VE GOT THE
KRYPTONITE,
SUPERMAN!

COVER IT,
SO I CAN
GET HIM!

SOON...

IT'S LIKE OUR
FIRST CASE TOGETHER,
BATMAN!

BUT YOUR FRIEND
POWERMAN
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING--

HE'S A ROBOT, WITH A
TAPE-PLAYER SPEECH DEVICE,
THAT I OPERATED BY REMOTE
CONTROL. RATHER THAN ENDANGER
YOU TWO, I PLANNED TO USE
HIM IF I RAN INTO
KRYPTONITE!

WE MIGHT HAVE
KNOWN YOU'D
NEVER REPLACE
US WITH A **REAL**
NEW PARTNER!

THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-TEAM



They had been fighting crime separately for years but it wasn't until the historic **SUPERMAN #76** in 1952 that Superman, the Man of Steel, finally teamed up with the Caped Crusader himself—Batman. That story proved so popular that the team quickly became the main feature in **WORLD'S FINEST COMICS**—and thus the greatest partnership in comics was born. Their adventures together would feature heroes and villains such as Robin, Batwoman, Lex Luthor, Bat-Mite, Mr. Mxyzptlk and more alien threats than might seem possible.



BATMAN & SUPERMAN IN WORLD'S FINEST COMICS: THE SILVER AGE VOLUME 1
collects the classic story of their first meeting from **SUPERMAN #76** and their
super team-ups from **WORLD'S FINEST #71-94**.
dccomics.com